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AROK IN THE BOX SEAT!

AROK

BY DAVID JACK

AUSTRALIA's bid for a place in the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico is firmly in the hands of Frank Arok, the coach of St George.

Arok has proved at club level that he is able to get the best out of his players.

At international level, Arok had excellent results when he acted as caretaker-coach for the visit of the England squad to Australia last June.

Indeed, there seems little

doubt that the two draws and narrow defeat against the Englishmen inspired the eventual promotion of Arok and the demise of Les Scheinflug.

While Arok was doing so well against England, Scheinflug also did a fine job guiding the Youth Socceroos in the World Championship in Mexico.

Nobody doubts Arok's

ability, but there can be no criticism of what Scheinflug has done either.

On the night, (last Thursday), of Scheinflug's sacking, Peter McCann, chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation's World Cup committee, actually stated: "Les has done nothing wrong."

Other members of the committee clearly felt the



McCANN

same way, which accounts for the very close vote when they cast their preferences for either Arok or Scheinflug.

Frank Arok has plenty to offer Australia's international set-up but he would be the first to admit he is no superman. His good results against England in June were helped to some extent by England's decision to field as many as nine players

lacking full international credentials.

This is not an attempt to play down Australia's performances which certainly look better in the record books than a 1951 result of England 17 Australia 0 from a match played in Sydney!

Nevertheless six of England's players who defeated Scotland 2-0 at Wembley just before the squad took

off for Australia last June did not play against the Socceroos.

Australia might have done just as well against a full strength English team. I mention the point only because some people lost all perspective and went overboard after the 1983 Australia v England series.

There will be argument and recrimination over the sacking of Les Scheinflug

for a long time — we have certainly not heard the last of it.

But the fact is — Frank Arok is Australia's new national coach. He is a talented individual and I believe he will do very well.

In time, it may even be demonstrated that the Arok-for-Scheinflug switch was a master stroke although, right now, I cannot accept it as such.



Canberra Arrows defender Jim Murray climbs high to head clear against St George

FRANK SPELLS IT OUT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's new World Cup coach, Frank Arok, made it very clear to ASW the type of player that he will draft into the national squad.

"I will not pick players who have the odd brilliant game here and there.

"That is not good enough to pull on a green and gold shirt for us to face seasoned, European professionals."

Arok went on: "For the past 10 years, we have not achieved very much in international soccer.

"This has to be rectified

almost immediately. We can't wait for 1986 to get a "ticket" into the World Cup Finals. We have to be ready by the end of this year for the eliminations next year.

"I will have to have a solid, network of assistants to aid me with our assignment of getting Australia to Mexico."

Arok was very abrupt

when he stated he would not have much time to get organised. Immediate action in the next few months will lay the foundations for "Mission Mexico".

The national coach talked about the type of players Australia will need: "They will have performed solidly and consistently in the NSL over the past two years. Not two months.

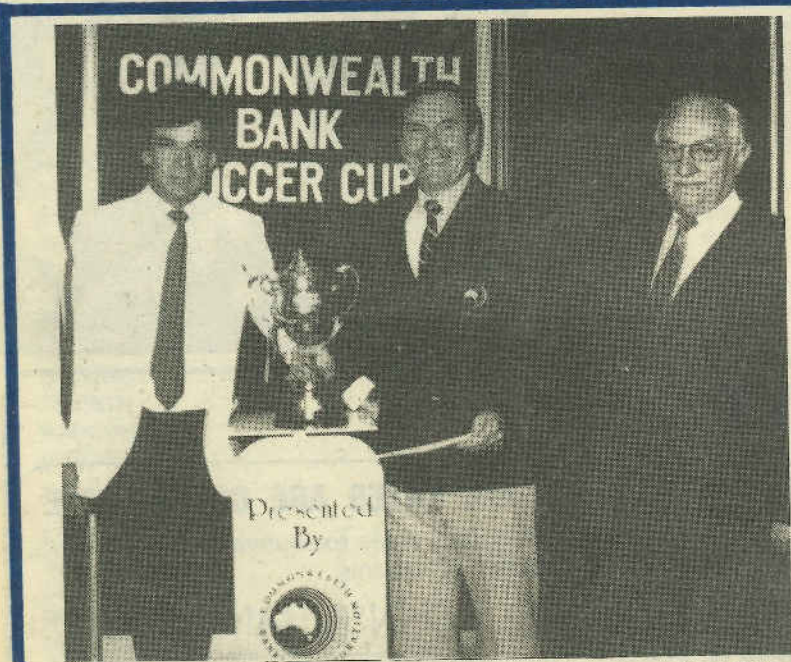
"I do not love or hate players: I only like players who can do the job. Nothing else matters.

"They must be settled within themselves, honest workers, reliable and, above all, consistent. We

must also have in this type of player a definite sense of controlled aggression.

"In a nutshell, a complete pro. Dedication. That is the character of player we need."

Finally, Arok remarked: "Let me tell you something. There is a country at the moment that is not attractive to watch and does not grab the headlines. But, be warned, they are effective, well drilled and most methodical. Australia could be faced by them one day. Argentina paid the penalty in Spain. I'm referring to Belgium."



The Commonwealth Bank announced continued sponsorship of the NSW Combined High Schools' senior Soccer competition — the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Pictured at the press function (from left) —

ASW's Johnny Warren, Bank public relations manager Mr Bill Cuttance, and Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George. Turn to page 13 for ASW's report on the 1984 Cup series.

EDITORIAL

"SOCCER has at last got its act together." That was the confident comment from Sir Arthur George when he previewed the new National League season.

Up to a point, Sir Arthur was right. But, in one respect, the new NSL has got its "act" into a terrible mess.

We refer to the extraordinary assortment of names being used by the various clubs.

For instance, what an untidy mouthful we have in Parramatta Melita Eagles. And Brunswick United Juventus is no better.

Another team is called Leichhardt (officially) although its officials ask AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY to call it Apia.

The South Australian clubs, Adelaide City and West Adelaide, are determined to be known as Juventus and Hellas. And so it goes on.

It is interesting to reflect that, when the national competition came into being in 1977, ethnic names for teams were barred completely. Well, almost completely. The competition, desperate to include Marconi, made a concession to that one club.

Now, seven years later, it is open go. Clubs, seemingly, can call themselves what they wish. And all because the ethnics are being wooed by some big shots in the NSL who have decided that Soccer in Australia badly needs their support.

It is not our intention to develop the argument for or against ethnic names for teams. That could be explored at a later date.

What ASW does appeal for is uniformity and consistency.

Before this unfortunate botch-up over names gets even worse — if that is possible — a firm direction from NSL headquarters will have to be made.

If the NSL asks us to use names like Macedonia or Juventus, and this becomes standard procedure throughout the game, that is all right. If the NSL advises us to use local district names, this, too, is acceptable.

But if the NSL issues no guidelines, the whole business will remain chaotic.

It is not something that can be brushed under the carpet.

The present system is extremely confusing to followers of Soccer. The people who make the rules are doing nothing to clarify it.

It is time to take stock when the game inflicts three-part club names like Parramatta Melita Eagles upon its suffering supporters.

Is it beyond the capabilities of that club and the NSL to devise something a little simpler?

They don't even play in Parramatta — the district is Granville.

Things are handled so much more expertly in Sydney Rugby League with its Manly, Cronulla, Balmain, etc, and Aussie Rules with its Collingwood, Richmond, Fitzroy etc.

Life must be easy for supporters of those footballing codes.

At least they know the correct name of the clubs they follow!

GLOCKNER ON OUTER?

BRISBANE CITY's Youth Soccer Stephen Glockner appears to be on the outer at Spencer Park since new coach Joe Gilroy took over.

Glockner, who earned a trip to Mexico after a great first half of the season last year, has made only a few brief first-team appearances for the Gladiators this season.

And a number of times he wasn't even included in the squad for matches in the Grange Thistle Coca-Cola Bottlers pre-season tournament.

Although Glockner was a late inclusion in the Youth squad, he did not get on the field during the World Youth Championships. The tall striker returned from overseas short of match practice and confidence and his form subsequently slipped at club level.

Glockner also was starved of the right service late last season and finished the year with the meagre tally of three goals.

The youngster refuses to comment on his position at City other than to say he

desperately wants to play NSL football.

But should he ask for a transfer, City would be likely to slap a fee close to \$15,000 on him.

Glockner's striking partner late last year, speedster Angelo Falco, also has found it difficult to win back his first-team spot.

Falco came back from the off-season slightly overweight and he has been edged out of the reckoning by new young sensation Lee Scriggins and former Valley Trident striker Frank Mengotti.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Both lack experience at top level but have showed an enthusiasm which indicates promising futures.

With Bob Mountford holding down one striking place, the four youngsters are competing for the other two — along with older players Willie Conner and Gary Bromfield.

CONSTANTINE'S COMMENTS ON RELEGATION

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

THE eighth season of National Soccer competition has its wheels in motion under a new experimental formation.

Everyone who is concerned with Soccer is optimistic that better days are to come.

But optimism is one thing and reality is another.

John Constantine, the youngest president the NSW Soccer Federation ever had, a man who is bringing maximum co-operation to his office

with a new administration image, is adamant on one point.

Let's see what he says:

"The major necessity for this competition to succeed is promotion and relegation which creates tons of interest."

However, when I asked him if promotion and relegation will be exercised, or will it re-

main in theory as in previous years, he answered:

"Our agreement with the ASF and NSL is... one team from each division at the end of the competition must be relegated, under any circumstances."

"Automatically, the two State champion teams from Victoria and New South Wales competitions will be promoted, unquestionably, to the National League."

The NSL move to give protection to some teams (e.g. Penrith City, Wollongong City) confuses the whole idea of relegation.

The question now is: what will happen if the two or three teams under the NSL protective umbrella finish at the bottom of the table?

Should one of them be relegated, or not?

The answer given by Constantine is: "This is a problem for the NSL — not for us."

In these circumstances, the team which stands above the "protected" teams will go down, even if that team happens to finish in ninth or 10th position.

CONSTANTINE:
"Relegation must create interest."



DUNN SAGA IS OVER

BY TOM McKAIN

THE ROBBIE Dunn saga is at last over, with the big defender finally a Preston player — but not before the wrangle over his transfer highlighted the chaos in the transfer system.

At one stage Preston were convinced they could sign Dunn, formerly with West Adelaide, for \$3000 from State League club Azzurri.

The latter had landed the big defender by a devious, although legal route.

In his contract with West there was a clause which allowed him to return to his home state, Perth, for \$3000.

When West put a \$25,000 transfer fee on his head to go to Preston, Dunn contacted his former Adelaide club, Azzurri, who agreed to sign him from Perth's Bayswater who in turn had agreed to take him on for the \$3000 and immediately transferred him back to Azzurri.

In return for this, Dunn agreed to play for Azzurri in the night Ampol Cup series and would then be released to Preston in time for the start of the NSL season.

West complained about the way the deal had been worked, and claimed that if Dunn went to another NSL club he would be their player.

A committee was set up to investigate the transfer deal after West lodged a protest with the SA Soccer Federation, and also claimed that Dunn should not have been allowed to play for Azzurri against West on the opening night of the series.

However, this was withdrawn by West whose team manager, Mr Frank Karagiannis, announced that they did not want a "messy" situation.

"We have settled our differences with Azzurri and Dunn can go for \$10,000," said.

That seemed the end of the affair.

But the Board ruled that Dunn was an Azzurri player, although it announced that if Dunn went to another NSL club West should receive \$7000 of the transfer fee and Azzurri \$3000 to make up for the \$3000 it gave to Bayswater.

In the meantime, Dunn had received a letter from the ASF stating that as he was now an Azzurri player, his appeal on the \$25,000 fee put on his head by West no longer applied.

Dunn claimed his contract with Azzurri allowed him to go anywhere for \$3000.

Melbourne reports said Preston were signing Dunn for \$45,000 — \$3000 plus \$15,000 expenses for Azzurri.

SA Federation secretary, Mr Peter Nikolich put a "freeze" on any signing involving Dunn as he said there was an agreement between West and Azzurri, who had consulted the Federation, that protests be dropped and Dunn could be sold for \$10,000.

Dunn said he would fight any such move.

"I can go where I want for \$3000, and West have no hold on me," he said.

Adelaide City were also in the picture as they wanted the big centre half and wrote to Azzurri asking how much they wanted.

"I have a letter which says we can sign him for around \$4000 mark," said City president Mr Charlie Caruso.

West were adamant they still had a stake in Dunn, a claim apparently also held by the SA Federation.

Now peace reigns, but not before there was the "mess" which no one wanted and could have been avoided if contracts were drawn up properly and every loophole blocked.



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MARCONI MAULED

BY MYLES HAY

GOALS by Malcolm McClelland and Simon Brandt were scant reward for Newcastle KB United in their 2-1 win over Marconi in the NBN Challenge Cup before more than 3,000 spectators at the Sports Centre.

Newcastle proved vastly superior to Marconi on the night and deserved to win by a greater margin.

A late goal by replacement forward Atti Carbone gave Marconi but a crumb of comfort in a display which must have caused coach Les Schienflug considerable concern.

Marconi were without David Lowe, out with an injured shoulder, but it was in defence that the visitors were bereft of much degree of solidity.

There was a marked lack of understanding between centre defence men Berti Mariani and Tony Henderson, often leaving wide gaps through the middle.

A bubbling enthusiasm surrounded Newcastle's play, with midfielders John McQuarrie and Ralph Maier outstanding.

ONLY FORM MEN WILL SURVIVE

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer coach Bruce Stowell has taken a ruthless approach to his squad for next month's clash against New South Wales and has let it be known he will not hesitate to drop players.

"I have selected certain players because of some ideas I have on how to play NSW. But if some of those players don't live up to expectations, they will be out."

"I won't persist with anyone who consistently shows bad form," Stowell said.

Stowell, who guided Queensland to a 3-0 win over the Blues at Perry Park last year, named a 16-man "interim" squad to begin training once a week for

this season's game on April 29.

He stressed that the squad was basically only a starting point and players could be drafted in, or out, at any stage.

Brisbane City, beaten in the opening NSL match by Lions, has the biggest representation in the squad with nine players.

Only two non-NSL players were picked — Mount Gravatt's Stuart Woodruffe, a former Queensland Youth team goalkeeper and

Grange Thistle striker Garth Moloney.

Inclusion of Phil Redmond was one of the biggest surprises. The former Canberra striker had been in Queensland only five days.

But Stowell said he named the big striker because he had very few in-form attackers from which to choose.

"I thought it best to get him in and at least have a good look at him," Stowell said.

NEUTRAL REFS ARE A MUST

SAYS PHIL MURPHY

Isn't it about time the NSL hierarchy had a close look at the referees' set-up in Canberra?

Officials and supporters of Canberra cause other clubs criticise refereeing at Arrows have been embarrassed by some Canberra's home games.

"The sooner the League spend a few dollars to send neutral referees to the opener against Wollongong City at Bruce Stadium, the better," said a Canberra official.

Wollongong had striker Glenn Fontana sent from the field after just three minutes on a violent conduct charge.

Referee Glyn Davies held up the red card after one of his linesman had raced on to the field to report the incident.

Fontana came into contact with Canberra full-back Paul Ontong. There is no doubt about that. He even admitted this after the game.

"I pushed him away; it happens dozens of times to different players over 90 minutes and I couldn't believe my eyes when the ref took the red card out," Fontana said.

Canberra officials were embarrassed, be-



PAUL ONTONG: Victim of Fontana's challenge

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

NORTH

PENRITH 3 (Wotherspoon, Jackson, Cotton) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Savori, Arnold, M. Kovacic) at Cook Pk. Crowd: 3,514.
MARCONI 1 (Jankovics) BLACKTOWN 2 (Sandy, Byrne) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,624.
WOLLONGONG 1 (Bundalo) SYDNEY CITY 3 (Kosmina 2, Boden) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1,600.
ST GEORGE 2 (Petkovski, Marton) CANBERRA 1 (Perinovic) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,930.
LEICHHARDT 1 (Caban) PARRA MELITA 2 (Allan, Farrugia) at Henson Pk. Crowd: 1,200.
NEWCASTLE 1 (Brandt) PRESTON 0 at ISC. Crowd: 3,805.

SOUTH

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Rankin, De Vitto) MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Brogan, Biskic, Cumming) at Norwood Oval. Crowd: 5,000.
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (McDonagh) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper) at Richlands. Crowd: 1,200.
FOOTSCRAY 2 (McDowell), Beltic) BRISBANE CITY 3 (Liddell, Mountford, Scriggins) at Schintler Res. Crowd: 1,750.
BRUNSWICK JUVE 1 (Cullen) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Konstandopoulos) at Olympic Pk. Crowd: 1,500.
GREEN GULLY 0 (SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Brown 2) at Green Gully Res. Crowd: 5,000.
HEIDELBERG 1 (Patterson) SUNSHINE GC 1 (MacLaren) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3,000.

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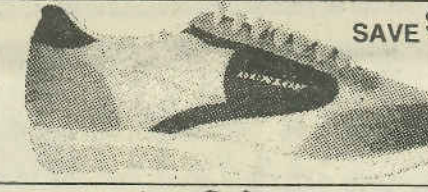
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ASW STAR WRITERS



"MERCY", begs this Footscray player, but referee Tim Davies shows him the card. ASW writers Mike Johnson and Tony Boskovic comment on player discipline.

NSL STANDARD HAS DROPPED

THE dream of many of our leading officials that Soccer in Australia will one day reach a standard high enough to challenge the best in the world, will sadly, always be just a dream.

Who are they trying to fool? We are only part-timers trying to emulate the full-time professionalism of our European counterparts. Under the present set-up here in Australia the game will never progress.

I honestly can't see the game here improving. The day when I see a Soccer grand final attract a capacity crowd at the Cricket ground, that's when the game will have come of age.

Okay, so there are thousands of kids out there playing Soccer on the weekend and training once or maybe even twice a week. Great to see, but how many of them are involved in Soccer other than on those occasions? How

many of them attend NSL games? Very few!

The many talented players around the world didn't become stars with an hourly training session once a week and with a solitary game at the weekend.

These players have lived and breathed Soccer every day of their lives until they finally achieved the excellence need to make it at the top in European or South American Soccer.

Yes, I agree there are several talented young players coming onto the scene here every season but there is just not enough numbers to supply the needs of our 24 National League clubs.

It's all right for some high-ranking administrator to say he wants to promote



BY JOE
WATSON

youth, and I'm all for that, but the bread and butter of the game is the National League and there is not one

club in Australia that could hope for honours without its quota of imports.

The standard of the NSL has definitely dropped in the past few years. If the trend continues the game here has no future. I would like to say otherwise but that's how it stands.

Local derbies are themselves not enough to rescue the game. The standard must be of a high quality to keep the fans coming through the turnstiles week after week.

Australian Soccer has been good to me since I came here in 1973 and I would dearly love to see the game flourish in the future, but I'm afraid I'm not so optimistic about its chances in the present climate.

DISCIPLINE IS NEEDED

THE sending-off of Glen Fontana of Wollongong City in its 0-4 loss to Canberra highlights the need of self-discipline among professional players.

That Fontana's expulsion in the fourth minute of the game had an enormous influence on the final result is beyond question.

So, in effect, if his expulsion was a correct decision, Fontana cost his team and his club two vital points.

So what should be the punishment for that?

The National League disciplinary committee will set their punishment with possible suspension for a game or two, or perhaps a warning.

But what of the club? If the sending off was justified, I would fine him 20 per cent of his Soccer salary.

That is what he would face if he played for my Wollongong based team, Fairy Meadow.

It is also what he would face if he played for St George.

I am very loath to take money off players.

They work hard enough for their extra money and often have a real need for it.

However, when players are unable to discipline themselves, whether it be to come to training on time, to matches on time, or are

unable to keep control of their temper under pressure, or provocation, then some form of punishment has to be faced.

Otherwise all sorts of disciplinary problems can spring up on the field and off it.

Taking money out of their pockets does work.

Last year at Fairy Meadow we had no disciplinary problems.

I left in mid-season and on my return now, I find two players with suspensions which carry over into the new season, plus a third player we hope to sign has a similar suspension.

Frank Arok's St George is the most disciplined outfit in Australian Soccer.

The results on the field have justified the discipline and professionalism which has been developed there.

Of course the professional attitude which exists at St George is not the result of fining players for being sent off.

It is based in the general professionalism and organisational ability of those people who run the club.

It is also based on the stability of administration



BY MIKE
JOHNSON

within the club.

The pillars of the club Alex Pongrass, Les Bordacs and Emery Nagy have been there more than two decades, as have many other key helpers and committee people.

St George is the only club in Australia, thus far, which measures up to the standards of leading European clubs.

If more Australian clubs follow the pattern that they have set, our Soccer will begin to look much more healthy and stable than it does now.

MESSAGE: LEARN LAWS OF GAME

WE'RE into another National Soccer League season and one thing is certain ... there is bound to be some sort of trouble, hopefully small, during the next few months.

Referees cannot make the right decisions to suit everyone. If they please supporters of one team by giving a penalty kick, they will certainly upset supporters of the other team.

But whether we like it or not, referees, players and coaches have to live together. It would be nice to think we could live in peace.

I believe much of the trouble associated with crowd misbehaviour stems from ignorance of the Laws of the Game.

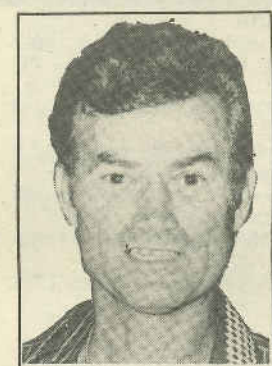
And many an incident involving a player and a referee is caused by the same thing.

You may not believe this, but about 80 per cent of the players do not have an accurate knowledge of the Laws. If you don't believe me, try them out with a couple of simple questions.

For instance ...
1. When is the ball in play from a goal kick?
2. When is it in play from a penalty kick?

You'd be surprised at the number of professional players who would not answer correctly. And if the players are not fully aware of the Laws, what chance is there of the fans knowing the answers?

Part of my work since I retired from refereeing is to have regular talks with



BY TONY
BOSKOVIC

That doesn't matter. Whatever the motive, things have to be better all round if players realise misbehaviour on the field is going to cost them money in their pay packets. Nobody likes copping a fine when it can be avoided.

I wish all games were like St George's first NSL match against Sydney Olympic. Players got stuck in very hard but there was nothing dirty in it.

Peter Rampley, who was referee, did not have to pull out any yellow cards. Peter did well, but without the good behaviour from players, it might have been a different story.

My message, then, to players, coaches and spectators is ... learn the Laws of the Game and respect them.

If this happens, we'll all have an enjoyable 1984 season.

FOOTNOTE: In case you want the answers to my two questions, they are:

1. The ball is in play from a goal kick when it passes outside the penalty area.

2. The ball is in play from a penalty kick when it travels its own circumference (about 27 inches) in a forward direction. It cannot be passed back.

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CLINT GOSLING watches the ball go past him from a penalty kick.

CLINT TIPPED FOR KIWI HONOURS

BY BRAD EARL

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED goalkeeper Clint Gosling is ready for international duty with New Zealand, believes his coach Ken Kaiser.

"He is a New Zealand citizen, and it would pay their national coach to have a look at him," said Kaiser after Newcastle's opening round NSL match against Penrith City, in which Gosling gave a dominating performance.

"He saves, gets off his

line, and he is strong," Kaiser said.

"I rate him one of the best keepers in the competition."

Gosling, 23, played for New Zealand at Youth level before coming to Australia in 1981.

He was signed for Newcastle by then-coach Alan

Vest, but for two years he had to serve out his time as reserve to Phil Dando — ironically a former Kiwi international No 1.

However, with Dando's departure, Gosling got his chance last year, and Newcastle finished the season conceding fewest goals in the National League.

IT'LL BE HARD FOR MARCONI ON SUNDAY

BY JOHN FIELD

PRE-SEASON and early-season form is notoriously misleading, which is why Sunday's battle of the giants between St George and Marconi at St George Stadium is so intriguing.

Saints won the Super Challenge Cup in which Marconi did not compete.

Then Frank Arok's men followed that up with another success in the NSW Ampol Cup, a competition in which Marconi finished a very ordinary fourth, beaten in the play-off by "upstarts" from the State League, Sydney Croatia.

Marconi's pre-season woes were compounded when the Fairfield side kicked off the new NSL season with a poor performance against Leicthardt Apia at Henson Park.

Marconi went down 0-1 but it might have been 0-4.

All of which suggests Saints should be hot favourites next Sunday against out-of-form Marconi.

Don't put money on it, though.

There is a vast reservoir of young talent in the Marconi squad.

Coach Scheinflug and his predecessor Doug Collins made deliberate raids on the Youth Soccerroo squad, signing up outstanding boys like David Lowe, Rod Brown and Tommy McCulloch. Other stars of the national Youth team, Joe Rizzotto and Rene Lica-

ta, are also in the Marconi side.

St George coach Frank Arok knows this and that's why he says Marconi will not be easy next Sunday.

Saints, however, are

clearly the team everyone in the northern section of the NSL wants to beat. They're a well-balanced outfit, with strength in every department.

Key man is still the lethal

goalscorer Dez Marton.

People regularly speculate about Dez's actual age but what does it matter?

Marton is one of the real personalities in Australian Soccer, a potential match-winner every time he takes the field.

Be sure Marconi will make the marking of Marton number one priority at St George Stadium.

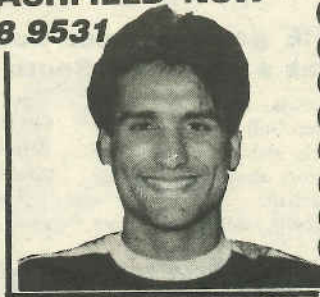
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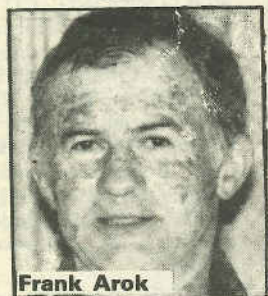
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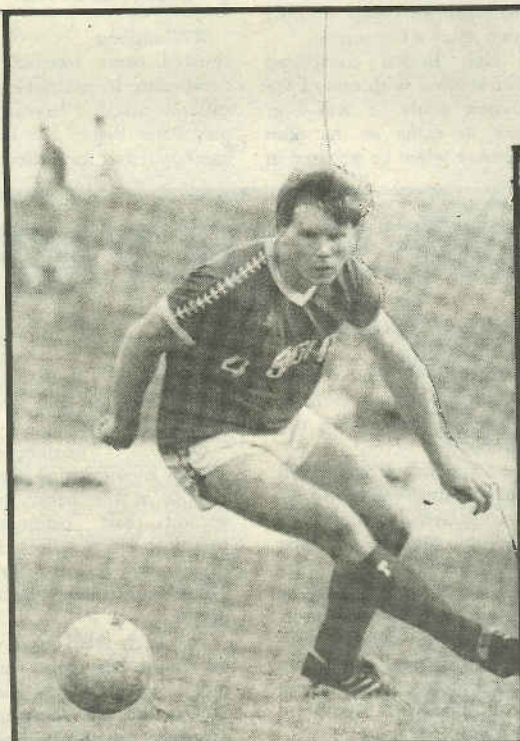
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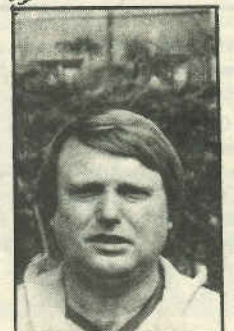
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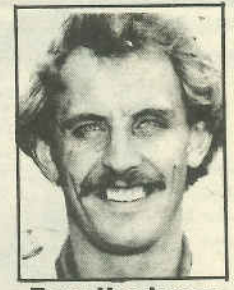
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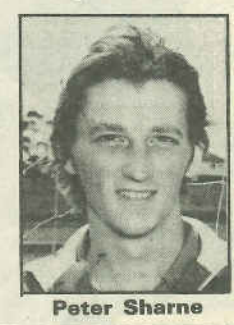
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ROUND UP

TWO — GOAL BROWN STRIKES

BY GARY CUTLER

THE game between South Melbourne and Green Gully at Green Gully Reserve was a debut for South Melbourne's new signing Paul Lewis.

Lewis, transferred from Green Gully for \$25,000 last week, should have put the visitors ahead early in the first half.

Lewis, along with team

mate Doug Brown, looked too sharp for Green Gully's defence, weakened by the absence of Steve Short.

The game was fairly-even with Green Gully

fighting hard and giving little away in midfield. Two fantastic saves from their goalkeeper Lou Denys, kept the score 0-0 at the interval.

Midway through the second half, Doug Brown escaped from Kremers and struck a left foot shot past Denys.

Oscar Crino, who had begun to stamp his authority on the game, played an important part in the build-ups of both goals.

A quarter of an hour from the end, Brown once again turned Stuart Cannell and hit a right foot shot that just crept in at the far post.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Beranic, Hogben, Kremers, Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassello, Toal, Smallman, Williams.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalafatis, Blair, Yzendoorn, Murphy, Crino, Halford, Davidson, Brown, Lewis. REFEREE: E. Venios. CROWD: 3,000.



Doug Brown (right) scored two goals for South Melbourne

FOOTSCRAY FLOP IN 2ND HALF

BY FRANK CALABRIA

A game of two contrasting halves . . . that was Footscray against Brisbane City.

Footscray dominated the first half scoring two goals and missing a lot more because of poor finishing.

The second half belonged entirely to the visitors who scored three goals in five minutes after the home team had dropped out of the game completely.

The obvious lapse in concentration seems to be the major problem of the Footscray team, and Bobby McLachlan will have to work hard on it before suffering further losses of valuable championship points.

After missing a number of easy scoring chances Footscray took the lead with a great header by Gary McDowell from a Taylor corner.

Footscray scored the second goal minutes later when Vlatko Belic smashed home a bad defensive clearance.

Brisbane City fought back in the opening quarter of the second half and reduced the deficit in the 59th minute with a powerful header by Frank Lidell.

Two minutes later, Gary Bromfield mounted a solo run from the edge of the area, cut the ball square to unmarked Bob Mountford who beat keeper Tsigaris easily.

The third goal came from young striker Lee Scriggins.

FOOTSCRAY: Tsigaris, McDowell, Hazabent, Tansey, Tutil, Belic, Taylor, Carroll (Bekiaris 78), Curo-

vic, O'Donnell, Lujic. **BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart, Hughes, Wilkinson, Swan, Liddell, Fabrizio, Scriggins (Mengotti 84), Pimblett, Mountford, Hamilton, Bromfield. REFEREE: S. Mellings. CROWD: 1,700.



Belic (above)

For record purposes here are squads in the first round match between Canberra Arrows and Wollongong.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Murray, Redmond, Reis, Farina, Bryant (Hogg 49), Brockbank, Sermanni, Perinovic (Phillips 70).

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Kerr, Vlietstra (Ristovski 6), Condran, Beggs, Bundalo, Fontana, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Willis.

REFEREE: G. Davies.

SLICKERS EARLY SHOCK

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY'S new-look combination found out what National League Soccer is all about when they went down 3-1 to Sydney City at Wollongong

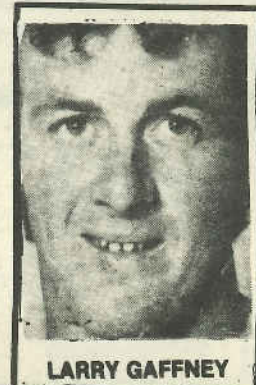
The home team grabbed a shock lead after three minutes through Alex Bundalo but Sydney City never let that rattle them and looked superior in all departments.

While the visitors always appeared confident the Wollongong youngsters were far too predictable in everything they tried and while their defence played well up to half-time, they gave away two gift goals after the break.

John Kosmina scored at the interval to make it 1-1. Then he took advantage of a bad clearance by Phil Kerr to hammer home number two after 61 minutes.

Ken Boden completed the scoring with one of the easiest goals he will ever get. It came in the 66th minute when he ghosted in

behind a flat-footed defence to convert an Alex Robertson free kick.



LARRY GAFFNEY

Wollongong City showed some touches of composure in midfield but suffered through having to play Peter Beggs as a lone hand up front. Ray Vlietstra

was strong in defence but Larry Gaffney had to be moved from sweeper into midfield to give his team more authority.

Willie Murray showed a lot of initiative in a star-studded Sydney City team which made it look easy at times but still gave the impression they can play a lot better.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Tilsed, Green, Vlietstra, Gaffney, Kerr, Kotamanidis, Bundalo (Ristovski 77) Condran, Beggs, Ristovski (Farrell 57)

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant, Robertson, Gomez, Lynch, Watson, Kay, Barnes (Lee 74), Boden (Fletcher 67) Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. CROWD: 1,706

WILSON SAVES OLYMPIC

BY GREG RUSSELL

A last minute change of tactics almost gave last season's wooden spooners Brisbane Lions an upset win over glamour side Sydney Olympic at Richlands.

Thanks to a brilliant performance from goalkeeper Peter Wilson, Olympic drew 1-1.

Wilson withstood determined charges from Lions at the end of each

half, and denied the home team a much deserved victory.

But the classy attacking performance from Lions was a late decision.

Lions had intended to hold the Olympic attack and rely on a breakaway for a winner. But at a team meeting before the game, Lions new coach Harry Noon sensed a feeling of confidence amongst his charges and switched the plan to go all out at the visitors.

Olympic began well when Marshall Soper

ran on to a Peter Raskopoulos through ball to score in the seventh minute.

Lions failed to let their heads drop and 14 minutes later, equalised.

Jim McDonagh who has been in great pre-season form after playing in Lions reserves last year, rose above Olympic full-back Graham Jennings to loop a header over Wilson off a great Phil Redmond cross.

The goal heralded an exciting and entertaining display from Lions with

McDonagh, Redmond, Danny Wright and Alan Hunter outstanding.

With goalkeeper Wayne Evans oozing confidence at the back, the second half belonged totally to Lions as the side finally came to grips with Noon's one touch style of player.

Full-back Alan Nivan, back to his best form, was moved into midfield and Stewart moved up front to cover for the injured Redmond but these changes didn't upset Lions' rhythm and they

attacked the Olympic goal up to the final whistle.

OLYMPIC: Wilson, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Coady, (Lambropoulos 62), Patikas, Soper, Patalis, (Kalantzis 45), Kousas, Raskopoulos, Phillips.

BRIS. LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Hunter, Charlton, Niven, Ogden, J. Stewart, R. Stewart, McDonagh, Redmond (McClurg 65), Wright.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler. CROWD: 1,000.



Peter Wilson



DRAWN GAME WAS LOST!

BY BRAD EARL

SYDNEY CROATIA coach **Atti Abonyi** couldn't help referring to his team's 3-3 draw with **Penrith City** at **Cook Park** as "a loss".

Abonyi said: "It's got to be regarded as a loss, as we were up 2-0, and then we led 3-2 with two minutes to go."

There was criticism of the conceded goals from both Abonyi and Penrith coach Willie Wallace, but the teams attacked well in the heat to make an exciting game.

Croatia took a 2-0 lead with goals by Wally Savor (25th) and a breakaway by Graham Arnold after a superb pass from Dave Rezo three minutes later.

Within a minute, Penrith City midfielder Ian Wotherspoon scored, and then just before half-time striker Brian Jackson shot home to level the score at 2-2.

However the powerful Croatia put their nose in front again only seven minutes after the resumption. Marijan Kovacic pushed the ball in when Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson dropped a low cross.

A moment of magic from striker Roy Cotton two minutes from full-time earned the home side a point.

Cotton raced from the 18 yard line to the goal line, then weaved back inside and buried the ball past several Croatian defenders and goalie Steve Watson.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Lindsay, Wotherspoon, Fitzharris (Hale 53) Hunter, Cotton, Jackson.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Sterrey, Vidaic, M. Kovacic (Cinch 84), Rezo, Meades (Basic 53) Savor, Arnold, Kirwan.

CROWD: 3,514

REFEREE: G. Warne.

SUBS CAME ON — AND WON GAME

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE expert hand of master coach Frank Arok was stamped all over Saints hard-fought 2-1 win over Canberra Arrows at St George Stadium.

Arok called all the shots when they were needed and in doing so gave his team two valuable points.

The two decisions that won the game for Saints were the substitution of Andrew Koczka and Mark Barton by Peter Petkovski and Pedro Ricoy midway through the second half.

Petkovski grabbed Saints first goal in the 68th minute — eight minutes after he had been brought on — and Ricoy laid on Saints winning goal for Dez Marton in the 84th minute, one minute after he had been brought into the action.

In between this, Canberra's substitute Marko Perinovic pulled one back for his side in the 79th minute. Up until Arok made his

telling substitutions there was little in the game and Canberra gave as good as they received.

But new Soccerroo coach Arok had more to smile about than his capture of two very valuable competition points in this game.

The display of both goalkeepers Terry Greedy of Saints and Tony Franken of Arrows and defenders David Ratcliffe and David Skeen and striker Frank Farina of Canberra had class written all over them.

Here is top class national team material and no doubt the names of these fellows are in Arok's little black book.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Barton (Ricoy 83), Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater, Koczka (Petkovski 60),

Marton.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Murray, Red-

mond, Jones, Hogg, Ser-

(Perinovic 74).

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.

CROWD: 1930.



A heading tussle between Dez Marton and Paul Ontong in Sunday's St George — Canberra Arrows match

GARY BYRNE had a hand in both goals and scored against his former club as **Blacktown City** inflicted a 2-1 defeat on **Marconi** at **Marconi Stadium**.

A long-time Marconi player before joining Canberra, Byrne scored a 73rd minute winner as well as supplying the second minute free kick expertly headed home by Adam Sandy.

After this showing Marconi — even allowing that they had a better second half — cannot wait to wel-

BYRNE SINKS HIS OLD TEAM

BY KEITH GILMCUR

come back injured Peter Sharpe and David Lowe.

In fact coach Les Scheinfelg looked quite shaken after his team's second loss. But he made it abundantly clear that better performances are called for.

Certainly the team gained by having Tom McCulloch back in midfield and there could be no complaints about his tackling and service.

Blacktown surprised with their opening goal. They won a direct free-kick six metres outside Marconi's penalty area and Byrne floated a perfect ball for Sandy to head in clearly.

At the other end, Marconi won a free-kick four minutes later and this time

Mark Jankovics scored after the ball had rebounded off Blacktown keeper Barry Hoare.

Blacktown should have had another as Sandy's penalty kick on half-time was saved by Bruce James, even though he appeared to dive early.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Shaw, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Bourke (Thornthwaite 64), Byrne Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Mariani (Calderan 46), Spanos (Carbone 54), McCulloch, Djordjevic, Brown, Jankovics, Licata.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 1,624.

KB TEAM BAFFLES EXPERTS

BY

GEORGE JENNINGS

ALL those people who predicted a dreadful season for financially-troubled Newcastle KB United are having to re-think.

The KB team had a valuable 1-0 win over Preston at the weekend, the perfect follow-up to KB's opening round win at Penrith.

Four points out of four cannot be bad, particularly when we realise that Preston were Victoria's most impressive side in 1983 and have since been strengthened.

Newcastle's winning goal didn't arrive until eight minutes from the end, the scorer being Simon Brandt who is developing into a youngster of genuine potential.

Preston could claim they were unlucky because talented midfielder Odzakov had the ball in the net after only eight minutes but that effort was disallowed on an offside decision.

KB coach Ken Kaiser admitted his side didn't get going until after half-time but he was full of praise for their second half performance.

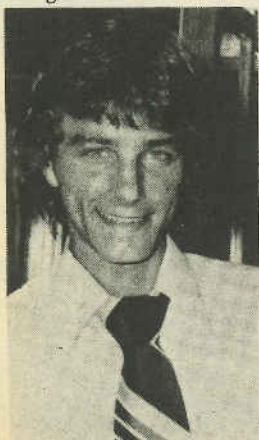
Joe Senkalski, who has never fulfilled his early promise, turned in one of his better games and started the move which brought the only goal of the match.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Kerby, Burke, Boogaard, Cowburn, Mason, Senkalski, McQuarrie, Maier, Brandt, McClelland.

PRESTON: Potter, Petrovski, Opasinas, Ilioski, Dunn, McMillan, Heys, Cole, Lucchesi (Livingston 74), Odzakov, Campbell.

REFEREE: T. Seacy.

CROWD: 3,805.



Joe Senkalski



GOOD AND BAD OF MACLAREN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG UNITED earned their first championship point from a hard-fought 1-1 draw against newcomers to the NSL, **Sunshine George Cross**, at **Olympic Village**.

George Cross forward Don MacLaren was the victor and the villain.

MacLaren shot George Cross to the lead after 42 minutes but was unfortunate enough two minutes before full-time to handle the ball inside his area and give away the equaliser.

The visitor appeared a lot more composed than the homeside in the opening half particularly when coming forward.

Heidelberg suffered their first heart-break when referee Jim Fearn disallowed a goal by captain Theo Selemidis because of an offence before the midfielder took a diving header.

John Stevenson, who was grafting endlessly in the midfield, engineered the move that resulted in George Cross taking the lead after 42 minutes.

The bulky midfielder pushed the ball through to MacLaren who evaded two

tackles and sidefooted the ball home.

Heidelberg suffered another setback four minutes into the second half when a second goal was disallowed, this time by Steve Winn.

To complete Heidelberg's misfortune, the referee sent MacLeod from the field in the 56th minute.

Two minutes before full-time, Scott Patterson grabbed the equaliser, converting a penalty given away by MacLaren. **HEIDELBERG:** Olver, McKie, Gabrielson, Angele, MacLeod, Petersen, Selemidis, Salvo (Vajias 65), Winn, Yankos, Patterson.

GEORGE CROSS: Contini, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Richardson, Bain, McGorian, Stevenson, Gilder, MacLaren, Latif.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.

CROWD: 2,500



FIRST WIN FOR BLANCO'S BOYS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE finishing skills of midfielders Ray Farrugia and Don Allan were enough to give Parramatta Melita a well taken 2-1 win over a disappointing Leichhardt at Henson Park.

After racing away to 1-0 lead after only nine minutes, one felt the Leichhardt were going to control proceedings for the remainder of the game.

A dipping Ian Gray free-kick was only blocked by Melita's keeper Alex McPherson but new striking Kerry Caban was on hand to slam home the rebound.

Leichhardt maintained their dominance after this

goal but lacked finishing strength. The hard work of midfielders Terry Butler and Peter Tredinnick wasn't fully utilised.

Melita scored the vital equaliser seconds before the break. Farnsworth laid the ball back for John Davies and his pinpoint cross was headed into goal by the unmarked Don Allan.

The second half was a different story. Melita continually pushed forward

and looked hungry for goals. Their winner arrived in the 67th minute.

Davies, who played well in midfield, also set up the second goal. His cross from the left found Ray Farrugia and his first time volley beat Leichhardt keeper Bobby Parkes.

Melita coach Raul Blanco was pleased. "It was a good all round team effort from the boys. Leichhardt are a

good team but I think we made them look average," Blanco said.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Skellern, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Caban, Tredinnick, Morsello (Colagiuri 76).

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Davies, Farrugia, Farnsworth, (McKie 63), Griffiths, Johnson.



Melita's Ray Farrugia is tackled by Leichhardt's Terry Butler (on ground) at Henson Park



Parramatta Melita's Don Allan (left) and Kenny Wilson turn on the attacking pressure against Leichhardt's Arno Bertogna

THREE-GOAL CROATIA BURST

BY TOM McKAIN

A three-goal burst inside four minutes gave Melbourne Croatia a 3-2 win over Adelaide City at Norwood Oval.

Croatia had to come from behind for the two points.

Winger Peter Rankin had put Adelaide City one up in the 17th minute with a header in front of goal from a Pat De Vito cross.

It was against the run of play but by half-time City looked the better team.

Then along came David Brogan from Croatia in the 50th minute following a cross by Jim Campbell, signed from Heidelberg the day before for \$21,000. Next it was Joseph Biskic in

the 53rd minute when he had a through ball on the right of the penalty box. Then came little Tommy Cumming who latched on to a shocking back pass by midfielder Les Carter in the 54th minute. The consolation goal for the home team went to De Vito following a cross from left-back Joe Cecere.

There were other chances for City from Hoe Mullen, Steven Maxwell, Mullen again and Rankin, but Croatia deserved to win.

The only bright spot for the home side was the attendance of 4,500 as a

result of their gimmick of pre-selling \$4.00 tickets for \$2.00 with a closing time of 6p.m. the previous Friday. **ADELAIDE CITY:** McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Melra, Flounders, Villani, Maxwell, Mullen, Carter (Cecere 75) De Vito, Rankin.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Lewis, Campbell (Dean-kovic 73) Faulkner, Biskic, Gojevic, (Markovac 84) Brogan, Cummings. **REFEREE:** J Rossis **CROWD:** 4,500



Jim Campbell



A SHOCK FOR MARGARITIS

BY HARRY HALL

WEST ADELAIDE returned home with a valuable point from their spectacular draw with Brunswick United Juventus

The visitors upset the plans for their former coach John Margaritis by scoring an early goal through young Konstandopoulos after 23 minutes.

The goal lifted their performance and for the remainder of the first half, they kept pressurising the opposition with head-on

attacks. Looking for openings in their defence or hoping for defensive errors that would have enabled them to secure an away win.

Indicative of their dominance in the first half is the fact that the home team went forward only twice and failed to seriously threaten the solid West

Adelaide defence.

Juventus reversed the tide in the second half and created a series of scoring chances that went astray because of poor finishing by Gary Ward, Joe Sweeney and Andrew Zinni.

The equaliser came in the 75th minute from a free-kick by Richard Miranda.

Sweeney relayed the ball to Cullen who struck a first time shot only to see it deflected by the defence.

The mighty striker managed to smash home the rebound, forcing West Adelaide to share the points.

JUVENTUS: Keogh, Hird, Dowie, Rogers,

Geremia, Swinscoe (Lloyd 45) Miranda, Cullen, Ward, Sweeney, Zinni.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Heirn, McGachey, Honeyman, McGregor, Panagis, Brown, Atsalas, (Papazoglou 89) Stamato-poulos (Topsikas 46).

REFEREE: Chris Bambridge.

CHIT HAT



WALLY BATES, national secretary of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, is to retire at the end of the year. The ASRF will be advertising for a replacement in due course.

PENRITH CITY have issued an open invitation to any former Australian internationals to be VIP guests at their home games this year. All it needs is for any ex-players to contact the club.

PLAYERS have been signed for new clubs in strange circumstances, but Martin Ind's signing for Wollongong United was certainly unusual.

The 24-year-old full-back was on his way to a fancy dress party as a surgeon when he hailed a taxi.

The taxi driver turned out to be United coach John Bingham. By the time Ind reached his party he was a United player.

He played with the old Wollongong City club seven years ago, but gave Soccer away to concentrate on professional cycling and marathon running.

Late last season he played two games with City's youth team and scored a goal.

COULD Wollongong City be about to change their home base again?

There have been talks with Coniston officials about them moving on to Kelly Park.

Coniston have a ground and hardly any players to start the Illawarra premier league competition.

Wollongong are looking for a home ground in central Wollongong.

The Wolves used Ziems Park and Wollongong Showground last season and have started this season on the Showground again.

The move to Kelly Park could prove a winner at least as a stop-gap arrangement until they get moving with their complex at Brandon Park, which is close to Fraternity Bowling Club, one of their major sponsors.

FORMER Brisbane Lions midfielder Graham Wilson has abandoned his bid to break back into the club's National League team.

The 24-year-old has returned to Premier League side Olympic, which he captained to Grand-Final success last year.

Wilson, who played mostly in the central defence for Olympic last year, was trialled at right full-back by Lions' new coach Harry Noon.

Wilson turned in some promising trials but it is understood he only wanted to return to Lions if he was in line for an NSL team spot.

WEST ADELAIDE coach Sam Salabasidis is carrying out a double public relations exercise after every game at the club's new Hindmarsh Stadium headquarters.

He insists the players "retire" to the upstairs bar to mingle with the fans.

This not only keeps the fans happy, but also encourages them to spend at the bar.

Of course there are those who ask: "What happens when the team loses?"

At least the fans can help the players drown their sorrows!

HOW about this for a lack of co-operation among clubs and other people connected with Soccer?

Evan Cassidy, a local enthusiast, has set out on a project to publish a book on all the clubs in Australia giving facts and figures and a little history about each club.

After sending letters out and advertising for clubs to co-operate simply by sending some information to him, the amazing result was that 90 per cent of the clubs either ignored the letters or could not be bothered to send anything.

Perhaps it is ironic that the same person has done a similar project on clubs in the UK, the result being a completed book.

Information on club history, colours, badge and honours can be sent to: Evan Cassidy, 17, Nerissa Street, Ferntree Gully, Victoria 3156.

KEN KAISER has proven himself as one of Australia's leading coaches in his two years with Newcastle United.

After taking the team to fifth in the NSL last season, Kaiser virtually had to rebuild the team this year with the departure of defenders Gary Watson and Howard Tredinnick, and attackers Grant Lee, Bob Mountford and David Lowe.

It is a credit to him, the club and Northern NSW Soccer in general that KB only have four "imports" in the team in Clint Gosling, Peter Burke, Craig Mason and David Jones.



ADELAIDE CITY hope to have an Italian guest player during the European close-season.

City football manager Bob D'Ottavi is booked for Italy as soon as coach Edmund Kreft returns from contract work in Moomba, where he is a site manager.

D'Ottavi has been looking after City and keeping in phone contact with Kreft, who has paid flying visits to Adelaide for the Ampol Cup, and is due to return for good in three weeks.

"We have contacts in Italy, but it is safer to see the player in person before signing," said D'Ottavi.

"We need something to bring back the crowds and we believe top guest players are the answer."

D'Ottavi will also visit Socceroo striker David Mitchell at Glasgow Rangers in an effort to sign up the former City player for six games.

IF some clubs were more sensible in their approaches to buying players, a lot of wasted time would be avoided. The Frank Farina affair is a typical case.

Everyone in Queensland knew that Marceba United never wanted \$20,000 or even \$15,000 for their Young Socceroo. All they wanted was a sensible fee, not only to recoup some of their losses for the State League, but also a figure in proportion to what Canberra could re-sell him for.

Had the Arrows been more realistic in their original approaches they probably would have got Farina far cheaper than the \$8,000 they eventually paid.

BRISBANE CITY goalkeeper Kim Wishart is making a determined bid to win back his Socceroo squad berth.

Wishart was named in Frank Arok's Australian squad for the three-test series against England last June but was overlooked for the squad which successfully defended the Merlion Cup.

But the big City keeper has shed nearly a

stone during the off-season and is looking his trimmest in years.

The weight loss has increased Wishart's ability which, combined with his great reflexes, could see him achieve his aim.

The 27-year-old former Ipswich player is certain to be between the sticks for the Queensland team against New South Wales on April 29.

PETER LEWIS made a good start to his new career at Melbourne Croatia when he played against Brunswick Juventus.

After the game Croatia coach Terry Hennessy said: "He is a strong lad who is a good acquisition for the club. He can play both in the middle of the park or at the back."

Hennessy is still on the hunt for a couple of players.

ADELAIDE CITY midfielder John Panagis has had a new lease of life.

What was thought to be a recurrence of a shocking hip complaint which kept him out of the latter part of 1983, turned out to be a groin strain.

He is now moving freely and is almost back at his peak in a roving midfield role.

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ROUND 3 — 17-18 MARCH

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

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BLACKTOWN CITY
v
P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES
4pm

VENUE: Gabbie Stadium
REFEREE: T. Seacy



GARY BYRNE

BRISBANE CITY
v
WOLLONGONG CITY
3pm

VENUE: Spencer Park
REFEREE: D. Nugent

CANBERRA ARROWS
v
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
3pm

VENUE: Bruce Stadium
REFEREE: N. Murray



ROY JONES

SUNSHINE-GEO. CROSS
v
ADELAIDE CITY
3pm

VENUE: Chaplin Reserve
REFEREE: S. Mellings

NEWCASTLE UNITED
v
LEICHHARDT
2.30pm (SATURDAY)

VENUE: International Sports Centre
REFEREE: R. Lorenc



TONY MORSELLO

MELBOURNE CROATIA
v
BRISBANE LIONS
3pm

VENUE: Green Gully, St Albans
REFEREE: C. Bambridge

ST GEORGE
v
MARCONI
5pm

VENUE: St George Stadium
REFEREE: R. Davies



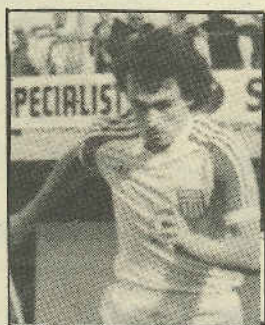
GARY COLE

PRESTON
v
HEIDELBERG UNITED
3pm

VENUE: Connor Reserve
REFEREE: B. Upjohn

SYDNEY CITY
v
PENRITH CITY
3pm

VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field
REFEREE: D. Rennie



CHARLIE EGAN

SOUTH MELBOURNE
v
FOOTSCRAY
3pm

VENUE: Middle Park
REFEREE: J. Fokianos

SYDNEY CROATIA
v
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
3pm

VENUE: King Tomislav Park
REFEREE: P. Rampley



TONY DAKOS

WEST ADELAIDE
v
GREEN GULLY
2.30pm

VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium
REFEREE: M. Browning



CROATIA WILL BE TESTED BY OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Australian World Cup ace striker Atti Abonyi, Sydney Croatia's manager-coach, rates next Sunday's foe, Sydney Olympic, very highly.

Abonyi said: "Olympic are definitely the league's most exciting team, no question. They have so many personality players they are always attractive to watch.

"Outstanding personalities like Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Peter Katholos and Jimmy Patikas, all have exceptional skills and pace, and threaten any opposition stacked up against them.

"We will have our hands full with them," Abonyi said.

Next Sunday's clash will provide fireworks, and a crowd of nearly 10,000 is predicted to witness last year's NSW Grand Final winners against last year's NSL Cup winners.

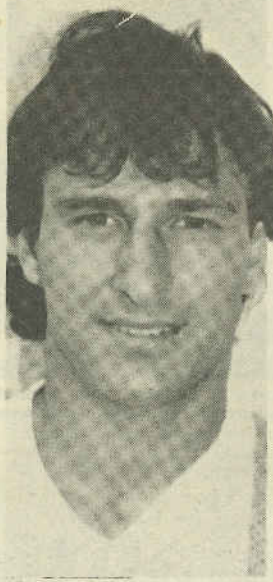
"Sydney Olympic are a most colourful team, and many of their players will be pushing for State and national selection this year," Abonyi added.

Olympic's free-back, Dakos has been outstanding so far this year, and will be knocking on the door to make Frank Arok's NSW

squad for the clash against Queensland next month.

Croatia will surprise many teams this year, its first in the NSL, and Abonyi expects big things from his centre-back and skipper, the giant Bruno Vidaic.

Vidaic, together with Lee



Wally Savor

Sterrey, has already established a fine relationship in the central defence, leaving right back Brett Woods free to push up the flank into attack.

Croatia has a wealth of experience in their middle-line of Marijan Kovacic, Steve Meades and Wally Savor to make things happen.

But up-front, Abonyi has blended a mixture of pace, skill and aggression into his striking trio of Shane Clinch, an outstanding prospect, Graham Arnold in the middle, with Paul Kirwan wide on the left.

Abonyi is in a fortunate position to have as back-up solid performers in the form of Tommy Basic and the constructive David Rezo.

In fact, Rezo was Croatia's most consistent performer during this season's Ampol Cup. A nice problem for Abonyi to cope with.

Channel 0/28 Network will cover this match on the Match Of The Day Programme.

Non-Existent

PRESS reports glow with stories of touring top-class European, English and Scottish clubs visiting Australia in June.

Followers of the greatest game in the world, who live in Canberra fail to see what all the fun is about.

After all, Canberra, besides being the nation's capital, also has the only true Soccer stadium, plus a Soccer-starved multi-ethnic population.

But as far as the powers-that-be are concerned, it does not exist.

Year after year, registration of junior players totals more than the combined registration of other codes in the ACT, but do these kids ever get a chance to see the Robsons, Rossis, or Whitesides? Not on your Nellie.

They come off the park on Saturday and sit and watch Aussie Rules on TV or go out to that little place across the border to watch the stars(?) of Sydney Rugby League.

After the schemozzle of the last English tour when players could not even pick out the markings on the SCG, I would have thought the powers-that-be would have learnt something.

I can never recall a football match being played at Lords or Twickenham. Maybe if Canberra only had a third-rate venue, and lights that sway in a breeze, international teams may get here.

At the present Bruce Stadium looks like being one great white elephant. If the new Parliament House ever

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.



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gets finished it will give as a pair.

VIC HEATH, Duffy, ACT.

Beware!

THIS letter should be published, unfortunately not for Soccer, but our Australian Youth. Parents take a word of warning!

If your child is chosen for a State Youth team beware! In most clubs you must sign a form saying your son will play for the same club the following season.

A boy I know, at the age of 14 is ready to give Soccer a wav. Since November he

has been endeavouring to change clubs for the following reasons:

1. His previous coach left his club. The team fell apart at the end of 1983.

2. In 1983 his school work deteriorated due to travelling.

3. His father, with five children, one wage, one car and the opportunity of "overtime" is unable to take him to Soccer.

4. The boy feels he should be free to choose his own club, if it is better for his family and he is contented. Obviously our State Federation of Amateurs don't agree with this.

The appeal has cost his father \$50, innumerable phone calls, and promises which have been useless or unfulfilled.

I will admit I am not impartial. My husband is the coach of the club the boy would like to join. Our club gives players freedom of choice, because:

A. They are a top club.

B. They have confidence in their coaches to retain players.

Can I ask the following questions?

1. Why can rules be altered? A boy from another club has been granted a transfer this week. The same paper had

been signed by his parents. Final Straw!

After four months of bickering, \$50 paid, a father of five walks out of a meeting with his son. Some of the people who had refused the boy his transfer then requested the boy turn up for State training.

Surely they have to be joking!

YVONNE DIVANI, Emu Plains, NSW.

North Cover

I AM writing to complain about the lack of reporting on local Soccer in Newcastle or Northern NSW.

I have bought the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY since I arrived in Australia in 1981. There is a lot of good Soccer played in this area; by good Soccer I do not mean Newcastle KB, I mean in the First and Second Divisions.

A lot of people support local teams and not a word usually appears in your paper. I realise we are not Sydney, but when I read regularly about women's Soccer, which at times gets nearly a full page, I wonder why Soccer doesn't seem to be going forward in this country. I'm not against women playing, but having being brought up in Manchester, Soccer at all levels was a serious sport.

Having a son playing in local First Division, I feel I should have at least a few lines of print to read, and probably thousands of players and supporters would feel the same. I am very disappointed, and probably will cease to buy in the near future.

T.J. COCHRANE, Newcastle, NSW.

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PAUL KAY — SMALL MAN, BIG TALENT

BY TOM ANDERSON

THERE's an old saying in this game of football that "good gear comes in small bulk," something that is provided beyond all doubt by Sydney City's brilliant midfielder, Paul Kay.

Kay, built in the wee Jimmy Rooney mould, is certainly no giant when it comes to measurements.

However, like Rooney before him, Kay stands 10 foot tall when it comes to skill, ability and the knowledge of how to play football.

Although the 1984 season is just a few weeks old, Kay has already caught the eye with some scintillating performances for Sydney City and in fact has staked a claim to be included in one of the two Socceroo squads that will be selected later this year to play the big overseas touring teams.

Like all little men proficient at the game, he's perpetual motion personified and seems to cover every blade of grass on every stadium.

A weak point in Kay's makeup in the past was his final pass.

This talented youngster was too hurried with that telling final pass and much of his good work was ruined.

This is now a thing of the past and under the guidance of Slickers coach Eddie Thomson, Kay has slowed his play down at the moment of delivery and his final pass to his forward runners is much more accurate.

Details such as this make the difference between a really good player and a run-of-the-mill performer.

Kay's style reminds me of the former great Scotland and Leeds United midfielder Billy Bremner.

Although maybe not as physical as Bremner, the similarity in their styles is quite amazing.

Kay 21, started his career like many other good players on the South Coast of New South Wales.

His first team was Dapto under 7's — and it's lucky they cut the pitch before these junior games, as Paul would have been hard to find above the long grass!

Kay got his first taste of the "big time" when he toured America with the Australian schoolboys international team under the direction of Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan.

Also members of this team were Eddie Krncevic, Greg Woodhouse, Danny Moulis and Mick Milovanovic.

This was the start of Kay's surge to the top and he soon caught the eye of the senior clubs.

It came as no surprise when St George signed him.

Although travelling from the South Coast to Sydney two or three times a week was a real bind and very demanding, Kay improved and learned his Soccer trade well at Saints.

So much so, he was selected in Rudi Gutendorf's Young Socceroo squad that went to South America to contest the qualifying rounds of the 1979 World Youth Cup.

What a squad this was, with talent unlimited. It was the start of the wonderful youth programme we now have in Australia.

Look at the players who played with Kay in this squad — Krncevic, Woodhouse, Alan Davidson, Peter Tredinnick, Graham Jennings, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, John



KAY (No. 6) lining up before the 1981 World Youth Cup

Spanos and Jeff Olver to name a few.

The lessons learned by Kay during the week in Rio de Janeiro and in Paraguay proved invaluable in his apprenticeship in the greatest game of all.

Kay then went on to Wollongong during 1981 and that year helped the Young Socceroos to a place in the quarter finals of the World Youth Cup played here in 1981.

Then it was off to England and a spell with Charlton Athletic for this little champion.

A season in England did much for the development of Kay and in the tough school of the reserve leagues he really learned what professional football is all about.

But Kay missed Australia and he returned home to take up where he left off.

But not quite, for he decided that he did not want to return to the Wollongong club and decided to join the best team in Australia at that time, Sydney City.

He became one of Eddie Thomson's Slickers.

However Kay, like many

other players, needed time to resettle here and his early form left a great deal to be desired.

Time, however, is a great healer and Paul Kay is now back to his best and one of the real "in form" players of 1984.

Eddie Thomson has nothing but praise for his young midfielder.

"He's had a thorough grounding in the game and has served his apprenticeship well," Thomson said.

"Many people thought he had 'gone' after he joined us and his early form was in fact disappointing.

"But I was never in any doubt and this season he's come back better than ever.

"His work rate is enormous, his vision is good, he's a hard tackler without being dirty and he's very constructive.

"In fact if there's a better midfielder going round at the present time I haven't seen him."

This is going to be a bonanza year for Australian Soccer and all indications show it is also going to be a bonanza year for Paul Kay, top midfielder.



PAUL KAY (right) in action for Sydney City against Preston



A TOUGH JOB AHEAD FOR TOP UK COACH

BRIAN GARVEY may be one of the most respected coaches in Victoria at the moment but his job at Heidelberg is certainly going to be a tough one.

Garvey has been in the country only a couple of months and already he has noticed he is in need of more experienced players.

The club certainly can not question the judgement of the English coach as his track record is impeccable.

Until the age of 11 the Yorkshireman was brought up on Rugby, as his father

was a former professional Rugby League player.

But when he went to Hull Grammar School he found there was no Rugby played and his attention soon turned to Soccer.

His ability at the game was noticed by the local talent scouts and he was soon to represent the Yorkshire Schools, from where many great players have originated.

On leaving school, he was offered an apprenticeship with Leeds United but turned them down in favour of signing for his local side Hull City, because they also offered him time off to do a motor mechanic course.

BY GARY CUTLER

After completing his two years' national service where he was captain of his battalion, he returned to Yorkshire where he signed as a part-time professional and at the age of 20 made his first-team debut.

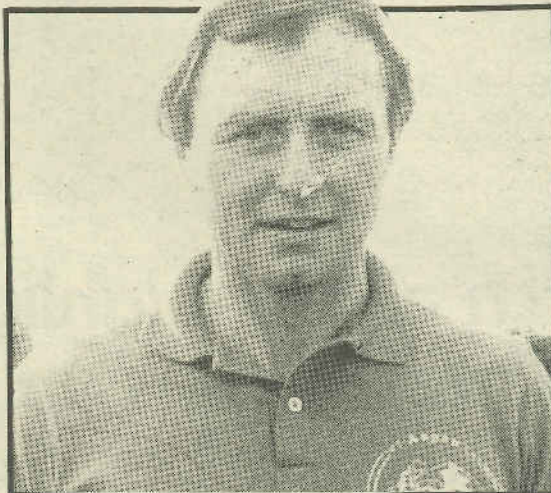
Brian remained at the club for 10 seasons and appeared in 258 games.

He then transferred to Watford and, under Ken Furphy, helped the club gain promotion to the Second Division.

In 1969, Garvey had his biggest disappointment in Soccer when he was a member of the Watford side who were beaten by Chelsea in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

"That was the worst feeling I have had in Soccer," Garvey said. "To be beaten was bad enough but when we went to watch the Final it hit me that it could so easily have been me walking out onto the hallowed turf to reach the aim of every player, to play at Wembley."

In a five-season spell with



Watford, Garvey completed over 200 first team appearances with the club, and then moved onto Colchester United.

Once again Garvey tasted F.A. Cup success when the tiny Colchester club were responsible for knocking out mighty Leeds, who were top of the First Division.

After leaving Colchester, Garvey's coaching career started. He was appointed player-coach of Bedford Town, a top non-league club at the time, but after one season he was offered a job with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Under Bill McGarry, he was in charge of the Youth team for two years and took them to the F.A. Youth

Cup Final as well as winning tournaments in Europe.

When McGarry was sacked, Garvey took over the reserve team and had five successful seasons, although they were always overshadowed by the mighty Liverpool.

In 1981, Garvey felt it was time for a move and was offered a position as coach of the reserve side at Arsenal, but things did not go according to plan and his reign there only lasted one season.

Garvey had also been on the coaching staff of the England Youth team and helped them reach the 1981 World Youth Cup Finals in Australia.

He is the holder of a full F.A. coaching badge and has coached throughout the world including Zambia, USA and Sweden.

Having spent a season out of Soccer, Garvey was beginning to miss the game and when the offer from Australia came along, he decided to accept.

Heidelberg committee-man Lou Iosannidis had this to say about Garvey.

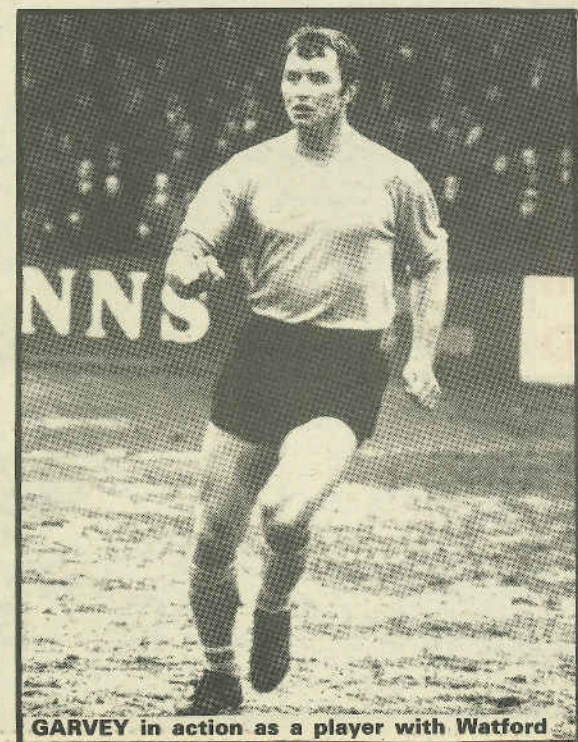
"He is one of the most honest men in the game here. I am sure he will do well and we are going to do everything possible to assist him in his task, although I realise at the moment we may be short of a couple of players."

My impression of Garvey is that he is a man who breathes Soccer, something that not enough people in Australia do. His dedication to the game is something that has to be admired by all who know the man.

Off the field, Brian is a quiet person, but as soon as he puts on his training gear, it is easy to see who is the boss and he will tolerate no messing about.

One Heidelberg player commented after a recent training session: "This is what we needed here. He knows the game inside out."

"He is the best thing that has happened to the club for a long time."



GARVEY in action as a player with Watford

FRANKEN SWAPS GLOVES FOR SOCCER CAREER

BY JOHNNY WARREN

IN pre World Series Cricket days, you could understand talented sporting youngsters, gifted in football and cricket, opting for our football over cricket.

In those days Cricketers were paid like paupers.

Today, thanks to Kerry Packer, Ian and Greg Chappell, Dennis Lillee, Rod Marsh and company, all that has changed for the better, enabling talented Cricketers to be adequately remunerated for their skills and years of sacrifice and dedication.

All the more unusual then, that a gifted youngster who had to choose between an almost certain Cricket future and a somewhat uncertain football future, chose Soccer.

Thankfully for Australian Soccer in general and the Canberra Arrows in particular, Tony Franken chose Soccer.

For Young Socceroo and Arrows' 19-year-old Tony Franken had much more going for him in Cricket three years ago than he did in Soccer.

Western Australian Under 14 and then Under 16 State wicketkeeper followed by reserve keeper selection in the Australian Youth team gave Franken the rails running to take over from recently-retired WA and Australian star Rod Marsh.

Of more significance than his WA representative role was the fact that Franken was also the club keeper with Melville — grade club of Lillee, Graeme Wood and quite often Marsh.

Coaching co-ordinator at the club was former Australian opening bowler Bob Massie and, together with the great Lillee, the captain coach of Melville, they endorsed Franken's elevation to the first team.

All of this, of course, meant that Franken at this very moment could well have been keeping to Lillee at club level, been the WA

keeper in the Sheffield Shield Final and had the inside running to be Australia's Test wicketkeeper in the not too distant future.

On his performances in the WYC in Mexico and early NSL form for the Arrows, we should all be grateful this talented, level-headed and likeable sportsman chose Soccer.

The chance of a scholarship at the AIS in Canberra made up Franken's mind.

From the Institute, Franken won selection in the Young Socceroos culminating in his world-class performances in Mexico.

And now he is one of many key young players in Doug Collins' plans for

Canberra Arrows in 1984.

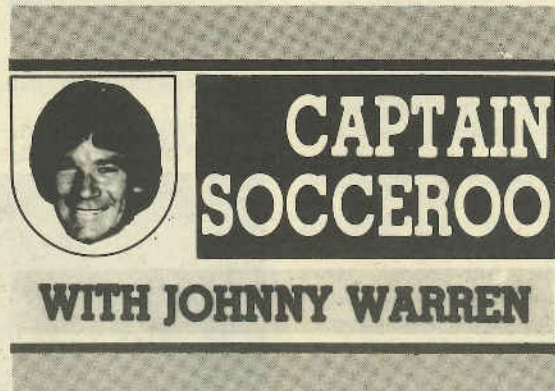
Franken doesn't hide the fact that his father has had the greatest influence on his career.

Talking to Franken, one can feel the admiration he has for his father, who himself played for the Socceroos against Heart of Midlothian at the WACA Ground back in 1958.

Born in Perth of Dutch parents, Franken kicked off as a seven-year-old with the Melville Club, representing WA at U15, 16 and 19 levels.

From Melville juniors he went to East Fremantle Tricolore, then the AIS and now a two-year contract with the Arrows.

At the Arrows he renews the "healthy competition" for a first-team spot with his good friend Chris Hummel, for whom he has loads of respect.



CHRIS HUMMEL

Hummel and Franken have been competing against one another for several years now — at the AIS, the Young Socceroos and now at Canberra Arrows.

In a small community like Canberra it is important that Arrows players are good value.

And in this respect, the articulate Franken presents a first-class image for the Arrows and Soccer.

Those who saw him accept the "Outstanding Personal Achievement" and "Team of the Year" youth awards on national television at the Confederation of Sports Awards night will know what I mean.

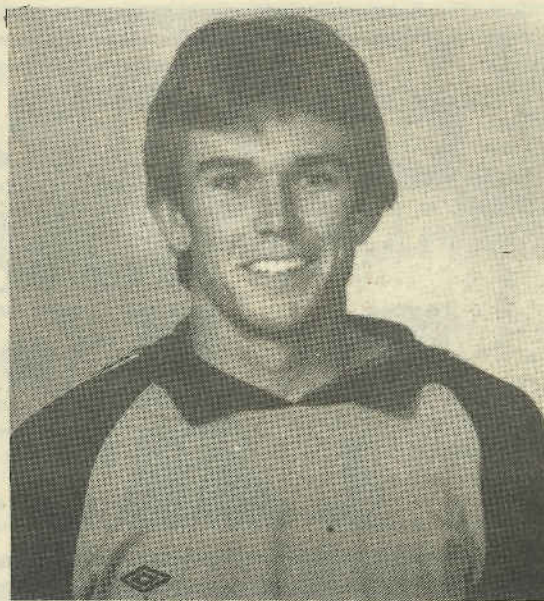
Franken saw his Mexico experience as the turning point of his career.

But for a young man who knows where he is headed, Soccer is not all there is in Franken's life.

A second year Bachelor of Science degree student, specialising in Mathematics as well as taking units at the Canberra College of Advanced Education for a Physical Education degree, ensure him a bright future.

On the field, as he is the first to acknowledge, he has a long way to go.

But early indications are that a Socceroo place is well within his reach in the not too distant future.



TONY FRANKEN

SCHOOLS GET WITH THE STRENGTH

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE Commonwealth Banking Corporation, announced further sponsorship for 1984, of the largest schools knock-out competition in the Southern Hemisphere.

The competition, for the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup New South Wales, and as well as donating the trophy, the Commonwealth Banking Corporation made a cash sponsorship of some \$30,000.

The Cup is currently held by Kogarah Boys High, from the St George area.

The Bank's public relations manager, Mr Bill Cuttance, stated: "This cash sponsorship of \$30,000, will go a long way towards covering the costs associated with travel, accommodation, ground hire, prizes and payments made to referees and linesmen."

The sponsorship includes 20 scholarships to the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy in Canberra, and four one-day coaching clinics to be held in Wollongong, Newcastle, Sydney and Bathurst.

Supervising these clinics will be former Australian World Cup captain Johnny Warren, assisted by past and present Australian internationals.

Sir Arthur George, Australian Soccer Federation president, stated in his speech: "I'm pleased to see a large company such as the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, getting involved with Soccer at youth levels."

"Between now and 1987, Australia will face international opposition, twice playing for the World Youth Championship, next year, we are getting together an Under 16 international tournament."

Sir Arthur continued: "For 1988, we have accepted an entry into the Olympic Games as a Soccer nation. So for all

these events coming up in Soccer, obviously the youth will play a big part and they will have the opportunity to see the world through Soccer."

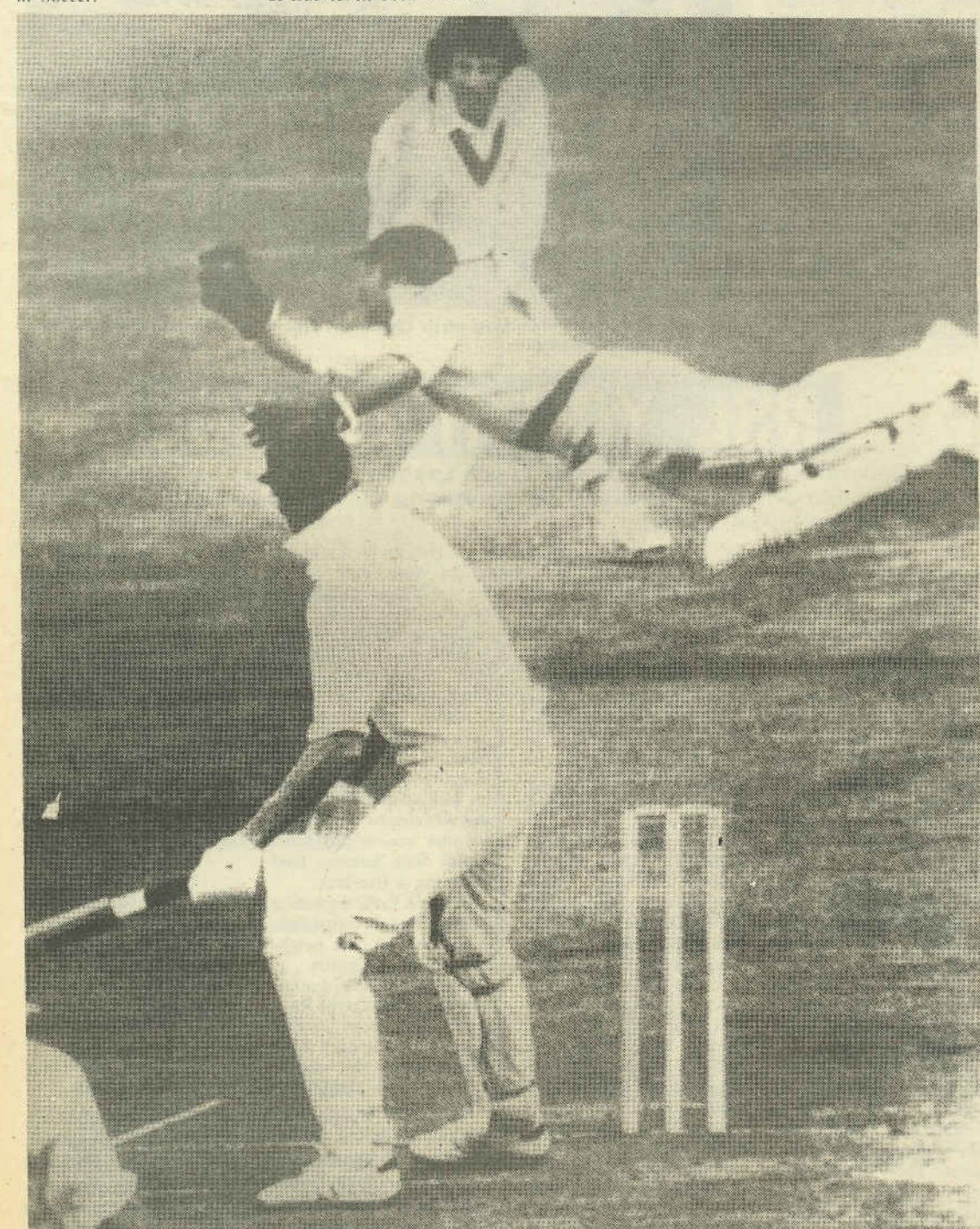
The Bank's public relations man closely associated with the structuring of this sponsorship, Mr Graham Crawhall, told ASW: "We feel proud to be associated with Soccer at youth levels, as we feel this is where the future stars will come from. This sponsorship is also one of the largest made by the Corporation within the community."



The Combined High Schools Soccer convenor, Mr Gareth Williams, proudly boasted: "Many current and past CHS Soccer players, are now playing in the National and State Leagues, at both youth and senior levels."

Some examples of players come from the CHS are Peter Petkovski and Chris Polias (St. George), Ian Hunter (Penrith City), Albert Nocera and Tony Dakos (Sydney Olympic), Tommy McCulloch and Rene Licata (Marconi).

ASW will be bringing readers full cover of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, which will run from April to August.



THE man Tony Franken could have succeeded as Western Australian wicketkeeper if he had decided to pursue a Cricket career — Rod Marsh, pictured dismissing former England captain Tony Grieg.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

GLADESVILLE GEAR UP

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE Gladesville District have taken important measure in reaffirming their status as one of Soccer's most fruitful areas in producing young talent.

During the off-season the Gladesville Hornsby club (who played in Third Division last year) and Gladesville Ravens (Second Division).

The club will retain the name Gladesville Hornsby and will compete in Second Division.

Bob Whitley, secretary of the new club, outlined the reasons why this action was taken.

"Both committees saw the need to provide for juniors and representative sides. We wanted the youth players to have something to aim for within the district instead of them leaving the area to play for other clubs.

"During the past couple of years Gladesville Hornsby, under coach John Symons, and Gladesville Ravens, controlled by Dennis Ford, have attained excellent results with local players.

"In reality, the grounding and foundation work for amalgamation had been developed. I hope we can gain recognition within our own

district and continue to draw and influence younger players within the district," Whitley said.

Keith Piper will take control of the first grade side this year. Last season he coached Melita Eagles second grade side and before that he coached at Auburn.

During his coaching stint in Federation Soccer Piper has taken every side into the semi-finals. Piper will be satisfied if the club consoli-

dates in its first year of amalgamation.

"We have a very good blend of young talent with no has-beens parading in the ranks. We have a side to work on and consolidate this year.

"Everyone including the players and the committee have been working hard. It's going to be a long hard battle, but we are mainly building the side for the future," Piper said.

Four young players in particular have looked impressive during the off-season.

Scott Thompson, a midfielder signed from Melita, will be the club captain this year. At only 20 years of age he has a huge responsibility.

Michael Brown, also signed from Melita, looks like having a successful season playing at stopper. Mark McConnell has been overseas training with English clubs, and another newcomer is striker Pat Sullivan, who previously played for Mt Druitt and Auburn.



LENNY VIAL: a local Gladesville product.

WOLLONGONG FANS ARE HOPEFUL

COACH John Bingham believes this is the year Wollongong United supporters have been waiting for... he has the team to win promotion to State League.

After their 3-1 trial win over Gladesville, Bingham said he definitely feels he has the players to go up.

"We have plenty of depth and this is what United have lacked at vital stages in the past," Bingham said.

"There is a good blend of youth and experience and I am particularly pleased with the way our defence is shaping up so early in the season."

United's latest signing is utility player Phil Mulbauer, who played a number of NSL games with Wollongong City last year. Mulbauer was not re-

quired by the NSL club this season so he wasted no time signing with United.

With Bingham himself playing well in the midfield along with newcomer Phil Mowbray, United certainly look the team to beat.

BY PHIL MURPHY

STRIKER Frank Shaw made an immediate impact with new club Balgownie.

Shaw was transferred from Woonona in the off-season and grabbed a hat-trick in Balgownie's 4-1 win over South Coast Croatia in the first round of the Balgownie Centenary Cup.

Shaw went to Balgownie on the recommendation of Wollongong City coach Adrian Alston.

Alston was helping out coaching Woonona last season and told Balgownie coach Dick Evans Shaw would be an asset to his attack.

CRINGILA coach Daryl Glover had a bit of a problem recently.

He had Borsche Dimovski out injured with a serious knee injury but at the same time Borsche Dimovski was training strongly and making a bid for one of the midfield positions in the team.

It seems Glover has two players in his squad with the same name.

"It is very confusing and I am having enough trouble learning the names of the players since I took over," Glover said.

Cringila's side is made up almost entirely of Yugoslav players and Glover last season was in charge at Fernhill, where the names were a bit easier to pronounce.

DEFUNCT CLUBS HAUNT DOLTON

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL, looking sharp in pre-season trial matches, have an experienced crop of midfielders to call on.

One player who should figure prominently in their plans this year is Phil Dolton. Only 23, Dalton has played many forms of grade and representative Soccer.

He started out with St Pauls-Bankstown at the age of seven. During his nine-year stint with the club he also gained selection in the NSW Churches team.

Each year the representative side would travel to Newcastle to play a select side from that region. The Newcastle side boasted such names as Craig Johnston, Mike Boogaard, Malcolm McClelland, Peter Tredinnick, Neil Endacott and Brett Cowburn.

From St Pauls-Bankstown he was graded to the now defunct Western Suburbs club. He gained selection in the NSW U16 side and in the U18 side for 2 years.

Dolton has fond memories of the past.

"Our coach then was Uncle Joe Vlasits. He was the best junior coach around and always brought the best out of his players," Dolton said.

During his time with the NSW team, Dolton played with some well-known players in Australian Soccer — Tony Bush, Craig Hall, Mike O'Shea, Peter Raskopoulos, Greg Woodhouse, Paul Kay and Ian Rowden.

In 1979, he transferred to Apia and spent most of the season in the reserves. The following year he moved to Blacktown City and played in their memorable 5-1 NSL victory over Marconi at the Gabbie Stadium.

Surprisingly Dolton left Blacktown City after only one season.

"The set-up at Black-

town was very professional, you felt like part of the club. In the end I left, mainly because of personal dif-



PHIL DOLTON

ferences with coach Rale Rasic," he said.

In 1981 he played for the defunct Riverwood side.

The first grade squad, coached by Atti Abonyi, had a wealth of talented and experienced players fighting for spots in the first grade side and consequently Dolton spent most of the season in the reserves.

For the past three seasons Dolton has played for Bankstown. He fancies his club's chances in State League this year.

"This year we are strong in the playing department. If we can keep the squad together, and going by pre-season results, we should have our best season yet," Dolton said.

There have been several coaches who have influenced him in different ways. One stands out — Bobby Ferguson.

"Ferguson coached me at Wests and Apia. He brought me straight out of park football and I think my

years at Wests were the best.

"Ferguson gained the respect of players and he treated every game differently," Dolton said.

Dolton rates two players very highly.

"Ex-Australian captain Peter Wilson now retired, was always in control of things. He always had time for young players. St George midfielder and captain Peter Stone is a consistent hard worker with good skills," Dolton said.

Dolton feels that this year's State League competition will be very close.

"Sutherland are always strong and Manly is shaping up as another leading contender. Most of the other teams are very even. I think this year's competition will be one of the closest on record," Dolton said.



DOLTON pictured standing with clenched fist after Blacktown's memorable win over Marconi.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

IN the second round of the National Youth League, St George and Sydney City once again demonstrated that they will be among the teams vying for honours at the end of the 1984 season.

The Slickers had a 4-2 victory over the Wolves at Wollongong, whilst the Saints had the better share of eight goals at the St George Stadium beating Canberra Arrows 5-3.

The Slickers machine had a slight hiccup just after half-time in their game against the Wolves on the South Coast, after Alex Bottalico (two) and Jean Paul De Marigny had given them a comfortable half-time lead of 3-0. The Wolves fought back after the break with goals from Peter Majkic and Tony Corridini in the 49th and 52nd minutes.

It took a goal in the 88th minute from John Foxman to finally settle matters for the Slickers.

The young Canberra Arrows must have felt pretty sick on their trip back to the capital on Sunday after they went down 3-5 to the Saints. They should have scored at least three more goals in the first half.

They also had a claim for a penalty turned down. The referee was unsighted

when a goalbound Arrows shot was deflected away by a St George defender's arm.

The half-time scoreline of 2-2 clearly flattered the Saints, but they showed their mettle when they came out in the second half and took complete control of the game with their striker Chris Polias scoring the second hat-trick of the season to take his personal tally to five.

Other scorers were Tony Danaskos (10th minute) Steve Zantides (56th), whilst for the Arrows Chris Giffotelli (30th and 84th) and Manis Lamond (11th).

In scorching heat at Marconi Stadium, the Blacktown City Demons got the best of a very hard-fought contest. Ricky Budini put Marconi in front in the 60th minute with a brilliant individual goal.

Their lead was short-lived when, in the 66th minute, Brian Ellem fired in a cracker from a free-kick at the edge of the box. Matthew Bowler got the winner for the Demons in the 71st minute.

At Henson Park, Melita Eagles went down 1-2 to the Leichhardt Strikers in a dour midfield battle. The Eagles opened the scoring in the fifth minute through Paul Andricopoulos, but Frank Speranza levelled.

Robert Genovese should have put the Eagles back in front in the 27th minute from the penalty spot, but his kick struck the upright and was cleared. De Filipas got the winner for Leichhardt four minutes later following a free-kick.

At Cook Park, the young Panthers had their first taste of victory 3-0 over neighbours Sydney Croatia.

The Penrith side dominated the game except for a brief spell early in the second half. Randall Easthorpe opened the scoring for them in the 21st minute.

Newcastle v AIS 0-0. St George v Canberra 5-3. Danaskos, Polias (3) Zantides (pen) (2) (2) Lamond, Giffotelli (2). Wollongong v Sydney City 2-4. Nadjovski, Corridini (0) (3) Bottalico (2) De Marigny, Foxman. Leichhardt v Melita Eagles 2-1. Speranza, De Filipas (2) (1) Andricopoulos. Marconi v Blacktown 1-2. Budini (0) (0) Ellem, Bowler. Penrith v Croatia 3-0. Easthorpe, Vaughan (2) (1 pen).

and seven minutes later Ian Vaughan put them further ahead from the penalty spot following a foul by Croatia's keeper Nemad Leko. Vaughan sealed matters in the 71st minute with a brilliant solo run and goal.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES:

Sat March 17:
Newcastle v Leichhardt (12.30pm)
Adamstown Oval

Sun March 18:
Blacktown v Melita Eagles (2pm Gabbie Stadium)
St George v Marconi (12.45pm St George)
Sydney City v Penrith (1pm Sydney Athletic)
Croatia v Olympic (1pm King Tomislav)
AIS v Wollongong (1pm Bruce Canberra)

ALBION ROVERS STICK TO A PRINCIPLE

BY GARY CUTLER

ALBION ROVERS, one of the longest-clubs in Victoria, is on the brick of sliding from being a State League side to a low Metropolitan League club.

Many of the players over the past few seasons have been of good quality, but the Rovers have not been able to hold onto them.

This season they have lost no fewer than seven of their best players in goalkeeper Tom Costello and defenders Dean Hennessey (to Box Hill), Frank McLeod (who has joined his brother at Fawkner) and Dave Stewart (who has left for Sandingham in the second division).

In the middle of the park they have not done much better, losing two of their most productive players in Kenny Smart (to Green Gully) and Michael D'Silva (likely to sign for Northcote City).

This means that the only experienced players left are

Gerry Riley, who has been at the club for many years and is the longest-serving player and Alan Bennett, who is the club's only visa player and is therefore tied to them.

So what is the reason for all of these players wanting to get away from a club that has its own clubrooms with a full liquor license, which enables it to open seven days a week and should therefore make the club one of the most wealthy in Victoria?

Perhaps one of the main reasons is that the club has refused and still does refuse to give players huge amounts of money to play for them and the committee believe that signing-on fees should be abandoned.

This may be the right

thing to do as many of the players in Australia are not worth a signing-on fee and many indeed are not worth the wages they are demanding.

But having said this, the fact that most clubs seem willing to pay out large sums to get players to play for them does not help Albion's cause.

So is there a solution? I think not, as it has been tried in the past to abandon paying players to sign, and it didn't work, as clubs just paid players under the table.

So it would appear that Albion Rovers are set for a relegation battle.

CREANY BACK?

RUMOUR has it that Northcote City centre half John Creany is set to return to Australia after spending the past four months in Scotland.

Creany returned home at the end of last season due to personal reasons, but the strong defender could be back within the next few weeks.

Creany would be a valuable asset to Northcote as they are lacking aggression at the moment.



Danielle de Capelle (left) and Denis Panther.

PROMOTION FOR CENTENARY

BY GARY CUTLER

A PROFESSIONAL marketing company has been commissioned to take care of the Victorian Soccer Federation's centenary year.

The company is International Marketers and Promoters and already the benefits are beginning to be seen.

The directors of IMP are Dennis Panther and Danielle de Capelle.

Dennis is no stranger to the world of Soccer.

Before coming to Australia he played for English League sides Chelsea and Charlton Athletic. On his arrival he signed for Hakoah St Kilda then moved on to Essendon Lions and finally Frankston City.

Dennis Panther said "We have arranged a number of different activities throughout the year to promote the

game and to make Soccer a competitor to Aussie rules.

"There will be a commemorative ball near the end of the season, beauty and charity quests as well as various commemorative products that will be available through some of the major chain stores.

"We are hoping that with the co-operation of the clubs and the media that this programme will be a success and that the centenary year will be one to remember," said Mr Panther.

The VSF in conjunction with Rosemount Wines have already had successful nights during the recent Buffalo Gold Cup at Olympic Park.

PHOENIX SURPRISE IN CUP

BY VAN DIEMAN

PHOENIX ROVERS' scoreless draw with Rapid was the surprise results in the opening round of the Summer Cup competition in southern Tasmania.

Phoenix are the newly promoted team in the Cadbury State League, while Rapid were runners/up in the League last season and winners of the Cadbury Top Four competition.

Rapid should have beaten Phoenix by a comfortable margin, especially since they fielded their recently acquired striking duo from Croatia, Neil Thomas and Billy Kirkpatrick, but poor shooting and a couple of excellent saves by Phoenix goalkeeper Geappen thwarted their efforts.

Huigsloot and Blake were to blame as both missed gilt-edged chances from close range.

South Hobart, with goals by Bishop and Fielding, the latter from a penalty, accounted for Kingborough whose only answer was a fine 20-metre goal by Simpson.

White Eagles showed they should quickly win promotion back to the Cadbury State League this season by trouncing Taroona St Mirren 4-1. Kim Barker scored twice for Eagles, his first being a superb volley on the turn, following a cross from the right, while the remaining goals came from N. Morrison and Ricky Neads. Don Morrison's penalty was Taroona's only consolation as they also had Nick Cook sent off

10 minutes into the second half for allegedly striking Kim Barker.

"If youth only knew, if age only could", seemed to be a suitable summary of the Howrah versus Juventus-Pioneer 'B' team match.

Juventus' second team in the competition, made up largely of "golden oldies" from the past, showed all the skills of the game, with the possible exception of goal scoring, but they couldn't match the speed and youthful exuberance of the Howrah side which ran out 3-1 winners.

Corongiu, with two goals, and Tony New, gave the Eastern Shore team a 3-0 lead before Erik Owen pulled one back for Juventus with a penalty in the 43rd minute.

In the final match, Metro-Claremont defeated an almost unrecognisable Croatia-Glenorchy, 2-0, with goals from Michael McIntyre and Greg Ashwood.

Larry Nunn and Wayne Cowen were Croatia's only regulars from last season, while the former White Eagles goalkeeper, John Michniewski, appeared in goal for them.

DETAILS: South Hobart 2 Kingborough 1; White Eagles 4 Taroona 1; Howrah 3 Juventus 'B' 1; Rapid 0 Phoenix 0; Metro 2 Croatia 0.

IT'S here again, the big kick off for the 1984 Buffalo State league.

The metropolitan league also gets under way and a full round of games over the weekend should provide some good entertainment.

BUFFALO STATE LEAGUE

Saturday

Albion Rovers v Croydon City
Broadmeadows v Morwell
Frankston Pines v Ringwood Utd
Knox City v Northcote City

Sunday

Box Hill v Western Suburbs
Doveton v Fawkner
Polonia v St Albans

BUFFALO METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Saturday

Altona Gate v Springvale City
Doncaster Rovers v Nunawading City
Nth Dandenong v Sunbury

Sunday

Altona City v Bell Park
Melbourne v Richmond
Kew Park Rangers v Moreland
Thomstown v Werribee

DIVISION TWO

Saturday

Dandenong City v Nth Geelong
Caulfield City v Sandringham
Eltham v Waverley City
Coburg v Ringwood Utd
Heidelberg Bundoora v Sth Oakleigh
Keilor v Prahran
Mornington v Sth Melb. Mordialloc

DIVISION THREE

Saturday

Prahran City v Hamlyn Rangers
Royal Richmond v Morrolbark
Ardeer v Moorabin City
Brighton v Karingal
Yallourn v Geelong
Bulleen v Essendon City
Corio v Port Melbourne

DIVISION FOUR

East Brunswick v Holland Park
Border v Yarraville
Clifton Hill v Springvale Utd
Greensborough v Rosebud
Hawthorn v Rossana
Keysborough v Langwarrin
Ferntree Gully v Lalor Utd

MT GRAVATT VISA PROBLEM

QUEENSLAND Premier League champions Mount Gravatt were caught out by the arrival of two talented overseas imports last week.

The two players, who arrived within a day of each other, were both visa players. That left the Hawks in the embarrassing situation of only able to sign one, under the Australian Soccer Federation's visa player rules.

BY GREG RUSSELL

The mix-up occurred because the two players had made their own way to the club, and both are well-credentialed.

One is an English-born midfielder who has been playing recently in the New Zealand National League. He was formerly apprenticed in England with Sunderland.

The other is an Irishman who is reportedly an amateur international. He was once apprenticed at Southampton.

Whichever player Mount Gravatt chooses to sign, it can only further enhance their early favouritism for the honours this season.

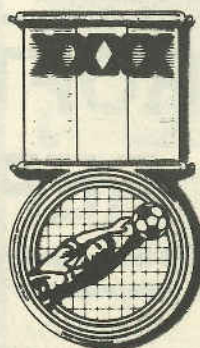
The team is close to that which won the premiership last year, and has been boosted by the return of Dave Costa.

Costa, a carpenter, had previously announced his retirement because of work commitments.

Mount Gravatt, along with Ipswich United, last year's Ampol Cup winners, have looked a class above the other sides in the Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament.

The two are being tipped to turn the Premier League premiership into a two-horse race, with Grange Thistle possibly providing the only variation.

Mount Gravatt started the XXXX competition with a convincing 3-0 win over last year's Grand Final winners, Olympic United, who are still struggling to settle on a side after losing four players from their 1983 team.



Ipswich opened their XXXX account with a 0-1 loss to the Brisbane City National League team. But it was a game the Premier

Leaguers could easily have drawn or even won.

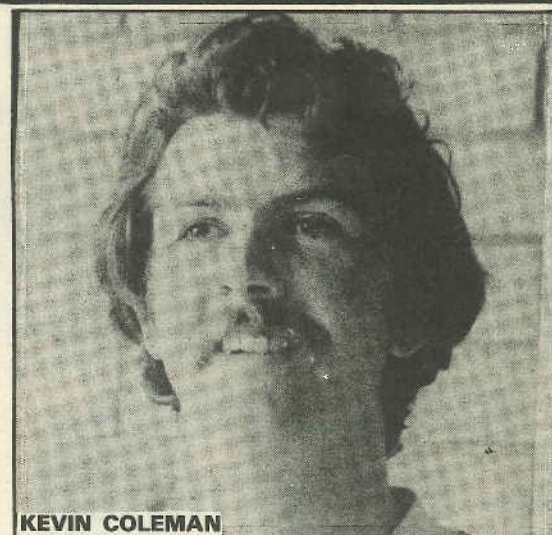
Ipswich, coached by former Lions NSL coach Matt Carson, have strengthened their squad with the inclusion of Gerry Lindsay — who played at Lions under Carson. The club also is hoping former Sydney Croatia player Kevin Coleman can successfully gain a release to continue playing at Ipswich.

Ipswich arch-rivals, Coalstars, had a demoralising start to their first year back in the top company when they were trounced 8-0 by the Lions NSL team in their opening XXXX match.

Former Brisbane City NSL player Kevin Caldwell played at sweeper, and despite the scoreline, looks set to have a big year in the position.

Coalstars though are still weak on in midfield and could look to buy one or two players before the start of the season.

Eastern Suburbs, under Ray Pocock, finally appear to be finding form and opened their season with a 3-1 win over North Star. Paul Mylonas, playing in a new attacking midfielder role, scored twice in a match where Easts netted all goals.



KEVIN COLEMAN

The North Star goal came from Easts full-back Rod Stein, who stunned everyone by just blasting the ball into his own net from close range. Stein apparently became disorientated when attempting to clear.

The XXXX competition continues this week when Lions play Acacia Ridge and Taringa meet Coalstars on Wednesday and Olympic play Wynnum and Ipswich take on North Star this Friday.

YOUNG Ipswich United full-back Nev O'Sullivan has been stunned by the \$4,500 transfer fee slapped on his proposed move to

new Premier League club Coalstars.

O'Sullivan, 22, has been training with Coalstars since the beginning of the season and hopes to play with the club this year.

But he appears to be the first victim of the lifting of the Queensland Soccer Federation's \$2,000 transfer fee limit.

Coalstars, who also play in Ipswich, and United have begun negotiations for the talented full-back but it seems the transfer fee could go to an appeal.

O'Sullivan is one of three major signings Stars want to make to strengthen their side, which played in the Brisbane First Division last season.



SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTRY BOYS

COUNTRY boys from Western NSW, Southern NSW and the Riverina will receive their chance to impress for State selection in the Easter holidays.

Coaching director Eric Arneil reports that 72 youngsters from the country will be accommodated at Parklea to undergo trials for the NSW teams for 1984.

In the May school holidays 40 youngsters from the U13, U14 and U15 groups will be trialling

at the same venue.

Trials will then take place at Gosford against the cream of the Northern NSW boys.

There will also be matches at Goulburn.

"All the NSW trials and selections can take place at Parklea now that the first

three grounds are complete," Arneil said.

That means U13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 grades can be covered. Every aspiring player can be seen and selectors and coaches do not have to cover a wide area and visit many grounds with resultant chance of missing a deal of the talent.

KING'S PEACE MISSION

PRESIDENT of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association John King recently returned from a three-day visit to Victorian Soccer clubs affiliated with the association.

Mr King, in the role of "Dr Kissinger the peacemaker", said the aim of his visit to the Wangaratta and Myrtleford Soccer Clubs was to establish peace and harmony among the clubs.

"I also pointed out to the clubs' publicity officers that using the media is a very important factor," Mr King said.

"In the near future I will pay a visit to all the clubs, both sides of the border, to convince them that unity and harmony was vital in their own and my association's interest."

He extended a warm welcome to the president of the Lavington Soccer Club Brian McBurnie for his aggressive and positive approach to establish and promote Soccer under floodlights.

"Progress is the law of life," Mr King said.

The public relations officer of the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, Mr Frank Finlay, said that Mr King has been known for many years as a lover of junior Soccer, and has been working to promote Soccer in every age group.

AVALA BOYS — FIJI BOUND

AVALA's Under 16 team will compete in the Air Pacific Challenge Cup to be held in Fiji in October.

This is the first time that any Avala team has undertaken such an ambitious tour.

A tour committee has now been formed by the parents in order to raise the \$10,000 necessary to send the team to Fiji. Various activities will be staged to secure the required funds.

Already the team has started a major aluminium can collection drive, which will continue throughout the season.

Avala fields four teams in the NSW Youth League Federation from Under 13 to 16.

In the last few years the Avala Youth League

committee, with the support of the senior club, has been working very hard to improve the playing ability of the teams, with particular emphasis being put on ball skills and team work.

The results of this work is now showing, with many of the former junior players now playing for the senior teams and some of them playing first grade.

This improved playing standard shows up in the competition table, where the Avala teams have enjoyed a consistent climb up the ladder in recent years.



• **KU-RING-GAI 1983 U15 REP TEAM** (Polonia Shield winners)
BACK ROW: Phil Rees (manager), Stuart Braun, David Rees, Deni Volpato, Cal Archibald, Chris Goddard, Shaun McKenzie, Alan Hui, Jeff Harrington (coach).
FRONT ROW: Murray Gale, Tod Holland, Chris Milencovic, Richie Hooker, Marc Prospero, Tom Pontidas. **ABSENT:** Troy Erskine.

WEST GOES WILD OVER SOCCER

THE Mid State League in Western NSW will kick-on April 1.

This competition has left playing standards in the west immensely and is improving in popularity.

Other highlights of the Western NSW season, are:

Mon, April 23: Parkes BP Festival of Sport 7-a-side KO.

Sun, April 29: Westpac U11 and Thorns Jewellers U12.

Sun, May 27: Cowra Invitation Carnival.

Sun, June 10: Forbes Round-Robin (even age teams).

Mon, June 11: Orange KO.

Sun, June 17: Dubbo Intertown KO.

Sun, July 1: Parkes Mini Ampol. Dubbo Local KO.

Sun, July 15: Forbes Round-Robin (uneven age teams).

Sun, July 29 Lithgow KO.

Sun, Aug 5: Parkes KO.

Sun, Aug 12: List matches and finals of Westpac Trophy & Thorns Jewellers Cup.

Sun, October 7: Forbes Senior KO.

All entries are in hand for the Challenge Cup, Branch Youth League (U13, 14, 15, 16), Branch Championships (U10, 11, 12), the Thorns Jewellers Cup and the Westpac Trophy.

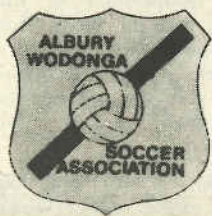
Branch secretary Michael Bray has issued a calendar which clearly sets out all match and administrative activities right through to the beginning of 1985.

This is complemented by an excellent Rules and Year Book, giving full details of Soccer throughout the entire west of the State.

The entire area has been divided into four main associations.

They are: Mitchell (Bathurst, Oberon, Lithgow and Katoomba); Calare (Orange, Cudal, Blayney and Molong); Central West (Forbes, Parkes, Eugowra, Peak Hill, Trundle, Bogan Gate, Cowra, Canowindra and Condobolin); and Orana (Dubbo, Narramine, Wellington and Mudgee).

Contacts have been forged with many of the more distant towns, including Nyngan and Walgett.



• **Pictured is the successful 10/1 team** (left to right)
BACK ROW: S. Fisk (coach), C. Ennor (manager).
MIDDLE ROW: N. Rowden, S. Sims, A. Bensley, J. Lovell, M. Fisk, R. Wegner, M. Neale, R. Jones, G. Gavagna.
FRONT ROW: A. Wood, P. Crane, M. Ennor, A. Payne.

BEECROFT SET FOR REPEAT

BEECROFT SPORTS CLUB had a great season in 1983 and the club is lining up for a repeat performance in 1984 as well.

The U10 Div 1 team last year went on to represent Gladesville-Hornsby FA in the big NSW Champion of Champions competition.

Last season the U10 Div 1 and the U13 Div 1 teams won the local championships.

In fact, 11 of the 25 teams in the club finished in the top four of their grades.

Four gained premierships and six won pennant competitions, quite an excellent record.

REP APPOINTMENTS

Under 15 team to Perth — manager George Churchward, coach Vince Balzan, trainer Frank Wilson.

Under 14 team to Melbourne — manager Harrie Denig, coach John Haynes, trainer Stan Ackerley.

Under 13 team to Newcastle — manager John Hedison, coach Max Groll.



STUART NOLAN from Coffs Harbour shown on the ball. Stuart went on tour to England, with the Auburn junior team in January.

A KEEN group of youngsters ready for their coaches to go into action at this Ku-ring-gai Association coaching clinic.



THE CONVERSION OF DUDLEY LEWIS

BY BILL TURNER

"THEY taught me how to play Soccer."

These words were uttered by the newly-elected Bill Turner Cup co-ordinator for the Newcastle-Hunter area, Dudley Lewis.

He was referring to his baptism into Soccer while teaching at Coffs Harbour High School some years ago.

Dudley had been transferred to Coffs Harbour and being the new boy on the staff was placed right at the end of the pecking order when sports choices were decided.

"You've got the Tasman Cup side," declared the sports master.

Dudley wasn't quite sure

what that actually meant. It could have been an off-shore yacht race or an Inter Dominion trotting event for all he knew.

But it didn't take long for him to find out. "Soccer — you're joking!"

For he was a Waverley Christian Brothers old boy with a solid grounding in the "Rah-Rah" code.

Then he met the lads in

the team who were astute enough to recognise the predicament of their coach.

Day by day, session by session, they coached him in the rudiments of this unaccustomed code of football.

Little by little the Soccer web began to entangle Dudley so that by the end of the season he was a complete captive.

Not satisfied with a one-off situation at school, he joined with the local Soccer association and so further engaged his talents in the game.

To add to the conversion, Dudley was transferred to Wallsend High, a great Soccer stronghold, where he came under the influence of Soccer greats such as Bruce Gray, Geoff Hopton, Terry Hampton and former Australian star Dennis Wright.

Then after a short stint at Lambton he bobbed up in another Soccer hotbed, Booragul High where the Soccer influence in powerful.

Now in his second year at the school, Dudley has accepted the Turner Cup administrative role with great enthusiasm.

OLYMPIC TAKES CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Under 13s, defeated a more skilful and better-organised Melita Eagles after extra time, 2-1, to take the 1984 NSW Mini Ampol Cup Final at Seymour Shaw Park, Sutherland.

Both Olympic goals were scored by central striker, Michael Tsingolis, but the "Man Of The Match" award, went to Olympic's outstanding goalkeeper, the agile Joseph Graffi.

Olympic were dazzled by Melita's skills, co-ordination and fitness, but hit back through sheer determination and with a greater will-to-win as they held Melita out.

The Olympic back-four, Joe Serratore, Tarek Hijazi, Bill Pavlidis and Peter Tassis, were supreme, whilst the midfield of Spiro Pantouris, skipper Peter Melissourgos and Stan Tsoutsouras, battled non-stop to service their strikers and cover the back-four.

The first goal was scored by Sydney Olympic in the 65th minute, when Pantouris from the half way mark, knocked a clean ball to his striker, Tsingolis.

Tsingolis busted his way through the defence on a 35 metre burst and let fly with a 10 metre shot into the Melita goal.

Melita stormed back five minutes later with a superb goal from Paul Rago, their central striker, who chipped goalkeeper, Graffi racing off his line.

Seconds later, Tsingolis hit the crossbar, and two minutes after this, he again hit the woodwork.

In extra time, left striker George Sorras, scored, but was ruled off-side.

The winning goal came four minutes from the end when Melissourgos clipped a high ball into the Melita box. Tsingolis beautifully chested the ball down and on the turn crashed his half volley into the net to give Olympic the Cup.

YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP A

	U12	U14	U15	U16
MACARTHUR v ST GEORGE	1-2	0-2	0-20	0-5
MELITA v ILLAWARRA	3-1	0-5	1-0	2-2
CROATIA v AUBURN	3-1	3-4	1-2	1-8
KU-RING-GAI v STHN DIST	0-3	1-0	DEF	5-0
BANKSTOWN v BLACKTOWN CITY	1-4	2-1	0-3	0-5
YUGAL v CANT ASSC	22-1	4-0	2-4	0-6

GROUP B

	1-2	0-2	0-12	0-5
NTH BANKSTOWN v SYD OLYMPIC	1-8	1-3	1-6	0-8
BLACKTOWN v MARCONI	0-7	0-5	1-1	0-3
SYDNEY CITY & SUTHERLAND	7-1	0-5	2-3	1-1
GRANVILLE v NEPEAN	2-0	1-0	2-1	3-4
AVALA v MANLY	0-2	1-3	1-2	0-1
GLADESVILLE v CANT-M'VILLE	5-1	1-2	3-4	3-2
CENTRAL COAST v ROCKDALE				

SUNDAY MARH 4:

GROUP A

	0-1	0-2	0-6	0-12
MACARTHUR v APIA	5-1	3-4	4-1	3-2
MELITA v AUBURN	4-1	0-2	0-1	3-2
BAULKHAM HLS & STHN DIST	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-5
CROATIA v BLACKTOWN CITY	0-1	18-0	4-1	5-0
ILLAWARRA v YUGAL	1-2	1-1	1-0	3-1
KU-RING-GAI v BANKSTOWN				

GROUP B

	5-0	5-0	7-0	9-0
MARCONI v ROCKDALE	0-2	0-8	0-2	1-4
NTH BANKSTOWN v SUTHERLAND	6-0	4-0	4-0	0-2
NEPEAN v SYDNEY CITY	0-9	2-0	1-1	1-1
MANLY v GRANVILLE	1-0	2-1	5-2	2-1
CANT-M'VILLE v AVALA	0-1	4-1	2-1	1-1
CENTRAL COAST v GLADESVILLE				

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MURRAY TO ASSIST KAISER AND JESMOND

BY BILL TURNER

FORMER Northern NSW schools' coach Phil Murray is still solidly involved in Soccer.

Following his great success last year when his Newcastle United Under 18 side won the Rosebud Cup, Phil has moved up as assistant coach of the senior team under Ken Kaiser, with Keith Harris retaining

the youth team.

At school level Phil appears set to coach the Turner Cup side this year for Jesmond High, where he is an English teacher.

It is always a great day when his arch-rival and good friend Bobby

McLachlan brings his Footscray side to Newcastle.

They are able to recall great moments from their Northern NSW v Victoria clashes in the ASSF Championships.

LAST YEAR'S NSW UNDER 15 TEAM



BACK ROW (l to r): Keith Warren, David Harris, Rafael Mravunac, John Konc.

MIDDLE ROW: Anthony Parison, Chris Siatris, Steven Chilas, Joe De Melio, Anthony George, Theo Kotsias, Paul Quarmby.

FRONT ROW: Rodney Williams, Murray Gale, Joe Micallef, Jason van Blerk, Anthony Clarke.

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AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



**7. SUSAN
MONTEATH**

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ONE of the most experienced and highly valuable players in the current Australian national squad is the versatile, intelligent Queensland high school teacher, Miss Susan Monteath.

Susan was the most consistent, constructive and above all effective player during the first Oceania Cup tournament in New Caledonia.

Equally comfortable at stopper, right or central midfielder, Susan set up scoring chances time after time for her team-mates with excellent through or cross-balls. All her passes were made with geometric precision.

Vision, positional play and stylistic tackling top off Susan's magnificent qualities as a first-class Australian international player.

For me, Miss Monteath was the "Player of the Series" in New Caledonia.

As well as all the above qualities, Susan has an eye for goal when the opportunity arises, and during the Cup tournament, she nailed three goals to end up joint second top scorer for Australia.

With full commitment, ever so responsible and highly energetic, Susan is a born leader, attracting respect from all her team-mates.

This player reminds me of Australia's former World Cup stars Johnny Warren and Ray Baartz, who were great organisers for their club and national sides.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: July 26, 1959.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane, Queensland.

HEIGHT: 5'3.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Newmarket, Southside Eagles, Easts.

PLAYING POSITIONS: Stopper, central or right midfielder.

OCCUPATION: High school teacher, specialising in mathematics and science.

FAVOURITE WOMEN PLAYER: Sandy Brentnall and New Zealand's Maureen Jacobsen.

FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER: Danny Wright and Steve Hogg.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Glenn Hoddle and Trevor Brooking, both creative players.

AMBITION: To captain Australia before I retire.

NUMBER OF CAPS FOR AUSTRALIA: Played since 1978 for 17 full caps.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against NZ in 1980 when we drew 3-all after being down 3-nil.

HOW CAN AUSTRALIAN WOMENS' SOCCER BE IMPROVED?: Our code needs much more publicity — urgently — to promote the game which is highly skilful to the girls and show to the public that it is NOT a game for brutes. It is a democratic game and brawn is not needed. We also need sponsors for our game and national sides, as the travelling expenditure is too much for the girls. More publicity will also attract sponsors.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR CAREER: Jim Selby, Fred Robins the Queensland coach, and my parents.

FAVOURITE HATES OF WOMENS' SOCCER: Being called a dirty player, when in fact you are hard and very competitive. Another hate of mine is the image our game projects to the males. Also we must play against European teams, not just Asiatic side.

Our game is most skilful and a delight to play as well as watch, and thus deserves much more recognition.

BEVY OF TALENT IN STATE U15s

THERE is considerable excitement and interest in the formation of the Under 17 NSW side, which, together with Northern NSW and Northern Territory, will pioneer a yearly competition which could eventually become the third National Championship on the Australian women's Soccer calendar.

Last year, we wrote of the "limbo kids," the girls too old for the U15 championships and too young, or too inexperienced, to take their place in the heavy round of senior team championships.

That article ignited the feelings of quite a number of young ladies who agitated madly to be included in their own particular brand of competition.

So much so that delegates of the associations in the Nthn NSW women's Federation asked their executive to start things going.

At the same time, there was movement in the NSW women's group to do a similar thing.

In Sydney, the NSW women's secretary, Therese Dillon, sent letters to all interstate women's associations, advising of the intention to hold an U17 competition, but when the NSW management discovered there would be a competition in Darwin, the idea was dropped and they decided to send a team there as well.

Lal Byers, competition secretary for the NSW WASF and a very successful coach from the Gladesville-Hornsby Association in Sydney, pushed for the idea for a younger group of girls being groomed for the senior State team.

He was requested by the NSW women to prepare a side to take to Darwin and speaking to him about his charges, he was full of enthusiasm about the girls and their chances. This is what he said about his team:

Sian Watkins, one of the goalkeepers, is 16 and has represented NSW. She has played for seven years and plays for Beacon Hill and in the Manly-Warringah Association representative team.

Sian is coming on well at training and is an aggressive young keeper.

Her companion in goal is Georgina Hadden from Gladesville-Hornsby. It is her first time in a State squad and she likes the going a little harder to keep her on her toes. Georgina is 15 and plays for the Hills Memorial club and Gladesville-Hornsby rep side. This is her fifth year of Soccer.

The sweeper is Lyndal Mudie. A hard-working centre-back, she does not hesitate to stamp her authority on the defence line. Lyndal has played Soccer for four years and has represented NSW in the U15 side. Aged 16, Lyndal plays for Epping-Eastwood.

Leonne Geribo is a newcomer to the State scene and has a total of nine years' playing experience. She started kicking a ball around with the Five Dock RSL club when she was three. She is a strong defender, quite at home on either side of the field. Her current club is Eastwood-Epping. Leonne can be called to understudy the sweeper role if needed. She is 14 and last year was selected to

represent the Metropolitan-East schoolgirl team.

Tracey Wheeler is a top centre-half. Her height (5'10) makes her a dominant figure in the team and Tracey is extremely dangerous when going forward. She has played Soccer for seven years and represented NSW U15 in 1982. A very determined defender, Tracey comes from Wentworth-Waratahs in the Holroyd district and is a representative player for that Association.

scene is Kerry Lumb. Her deceptive speed is one of her great attributes and Kerry is very dangerous. She has played for only three years and is quite at home in the midfield as well as up-front. Before becoming involved in Soccer, Kerry was selected in the NSW combined schools athletic team. She is 16 and plays for Forest Rangers in the St George Association.

Anne-Marie Hiron is another midfield utility player. Her work rate and

also 15 and played most of her Soccer in Manly-Warringah before moving to Blacktown last year. She is a strong and fast midfielder who's finishing shot belies her size. Felicity has played for four years and represented NSW in 1982 and 1983. Felicity plays for the Mount Druitt club in the Blacktown Association.

A newcomer to State selection this year is Susan Broughton who plays for Killarney Heights. Suzie is at home in either the midfield or one of the back positions. She is a cool, calculating player who has played for six years. Susan is 16.

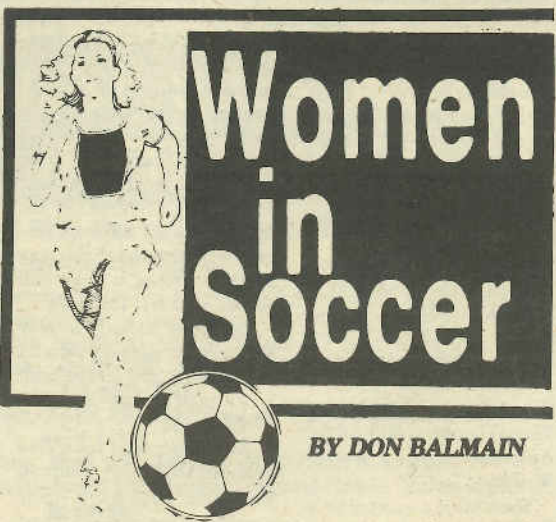
The striking force in the team is headed by Rhonda Withers who is an excellent forward with a devastating drive with either foot. Rhonda is vice-captain of the side. She has played for eight years and has represented NSW on four occasions, in the U15 titles.

Also a member of the successful touring side to America in 1980, Rhonda was last year chosen as a

forward in the NSW schoolgirls team last year. She is 16 and plays for Killarney Heights and the Manly-Warringah rep. team.

Rated the best forward in her age group, Kym Whitcombe is noted for her tenacity in the penalty box and is a prolific goalscorer. She has played for seven years and represented NSW U15 team in 1982. Kym has also represented the metropolitan schoolgirls' regional area in 1982. Wentworth-Waratahs is her club in the Holroyd district. Kym, although only 15, also represented NSW in the senior titles in Perth last year, scoring a goal in the first few minutes.

A natural left-footer with a powerful shot, is hard-working Julie Hebb from the Mount Druitt club in the Blacktown district. Another U15 representative coming up, Julie represented NSW on two occasions, 1982-83. She is only 14 and would be the youngest in this talented side.



BY DON BALMAIN

A top forward being considered for a defensive role is Susie Coughy. Her ability to play in any position is quickly stamping her as a top utility player. A late starter as far as Soccer is concerned, Susie has played for only three years and represented NSW last year in the U15 side. She is only 15 now and plays for Epping-Eastwood.

The "queen of the midfielders", is Micheala Hannigan who is also captain of the team.

Nicknamed "Macca", she is a hard-working player, robust in defence and attack and leads by example. A creative player, she is known to score goals from behind the play. Micheala is 16, has played for five years and represented NSW U15s in 1982 and 1983. She is currently playing for Killarney Heights and the Manly-Warringah rep. team.

Her centre partner, Michelle Star, has played for seven years and represented NSW in 1982. She is 16 and her ball control in the midfield has stamped her as a top player in this department. A player with the Forest club in the Manly-Warringah district for most of her Soccer years, Michelle is with the Killarney Heights side. She is a Manly-Warringah rep. player.

Another strong midfielder or forward is Angela Hadden who has great ball control. Angela has represented NSW on three occasions in 1980, 1981 and 1982 in the U15 titles. She has played for five years and was a member of the successful U15 touring side to America in 1980. Angela is 16 and plays for the Hills Memorial club.

Another newcomer to the State representative

distribution in the centre of the field makes life easier for her forwards. She has played Soccer for seven years and has represented NSW in 1982 and 1983 and also gained selection in the 1982 schoolgirls metropolitan Central rep. team. Anne-Marie is 15 and plays for the Epping-Eastwood side in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association.

A 15-year-old, Shannon McNeill, who plays for the Dee Why club, never gives up trying and is in her first year of State Soccer. Shannon is a newcomer to the Manly-Warringah representative side.

Felicity Huntington is

DEATH OF VICTORIAN STALWART

WE regret to announce that Bob Slape, past vice-president of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association, died on Sunday, February 19.

Bob was a hard worker for women's Soccer and was the referee's co-ordinator for the Victorian Women's Association. Our condolences to his family.

KB'S TRAINING TRIBULATIONS

BY BILL TURNER

EVERY year Newcastle United has been unable to find a top grade ground with proper facilities where they could train for the NSL season.

Coach Ken Kaiser deserves a medal for getting his players in shape without the basic amenities enjoyed by other clubs.

Here is what happens when the club trains:

"Why is that man being carried on a stretcher Mummy, is he tired?"

"No my darling, he's doing a training session with Newcastle United and his foot went down a rabbit hole!"

"But Mummy, that man is crying, why is the long piece of metal sticking out of his chest?"

"Oh, that's a javelin dear, one of those men doing athletic training didn't quite aim straight."

"Mummy, Mummy, is that man jumping up and down doing physical jerks?"

"No dear, he's the goalkeeper and he's avoiding the ants in between those two witches hats."

"But why put the goals near the ants' nest Mummy?"

"Because if he moves back any further

those two big alsation dogs doing their exercises might bite him dear."

"Mummy . . ."

"Now dear, that's enough — when you're a big man you may be able to play for Newcastle United and train just like them."

"But Mummy you are a nurse, shouldn't you help that poor man who just got hit with a golf ball?"

"No dear — I'm flat out reviving this man who got mixed up in that Cricket practice."

"Mummy . . . are all big teams like Newcastle United allowed to train like this?"

"No dear."

"Why?"

"Well, this is to toughen up our players."

We wouldn't want them getting spoiled by having a good pitch, properly marked out, goal posts, dressing rooms, privacy, physio-therapy facilities and the like now would we?"

HIDALGO HOPES FOR FAREWELL VICTORY

MICHEL HIDALGO, France's well-respected national coach, has decided to retire.

Hidalgo will quit the game after this year's European Championship which is being played in France.

He would like to go out on a winning note and this could happen because France is highly rated these days in Europe.

Hidalgo has always been worried about meeting UK teams, as he revealed with the comment: "We were given a lot of praise in the 1982 World Cup but people forget that England beat France easily in Bilbao in the early rounds."

"Nobody questions our technical skills but there are question marks about our attitude. France needs England's concentration, will-to-win and sheer guts."

Those remarks were made BEFORE France beat England in Paris recently. Star French midfielder

Alain Giresse has similar thoughts.

Giresse said: "It's a relief that England are not play-

ing in the European Championship finals."



Michel Hidalgo (far left) and his French team after their loss to West Germany on penalties in the World Cup in 1982.

FOOTBALL FIESTA IN BRAZIL

ALTHOUGH Brazil was refused permission to stage its "little World Cup" this year, there will still be plenty of international action in that country to keep the locals happy.

Brazil has fixed matches against England (June 10), Uruguay (June 13) and Argentina (June 16) and this is going to be a real feast for the fans.

The games have been arranged as part of the celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of Soccer in Brazil.

HE'S NO TV FAN!

MICHEL PLATINI, possibly Europe's greatest footballer, was interviewed by "Shoot" magazine and one of the questions was: "Who is your favourite showbusiness star?"

Platini answered: "I couldn't say. I'm not keen on the cinema and I don't watch much TV."

Incidentally, Platini and Yannick Noah have opened a football/tennis school in the south of France and Platini loves coaching kids there.



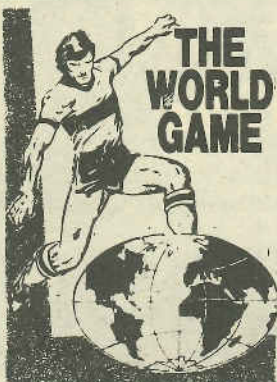
MICHEL PLATINI

NO CASH IN THE BANK

ST ETIENNE, one of the most famous of French clubs, could go out of existence unless they get a big inflow of cash.

The club will need \$750,000 before the end of this season if they are to survive.

St Etienne already have debts of \$400,000.



FIJIAN HOPEFUL

FIJI is not one of the great nations in world Soccer! That's why everyone in the Pacific islands that make up Fiji will closely follow the career of one of their players who is on a month's trial with Welsh club, Wrexham.

The player's name would be difficult to fit into the headlines, though.

It's Aisco Molelulu Tamanivalu.

Well, it makes a change from the Jones, Davies, Evans names associated with many Welsh clubs.

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WEST GERMAN coaches demand a three months break next winter instead of the usual one month. Cold weather in the German winter bring match attendances down with a bump, badly hitting club finances.



LIAM BRADY

JORGE ARAVENA is Chile's Player of the Year. As top goalscorer in the country, he was a popular choice. Aravena plays for Universidad Catolica.

THE LAST OF THE BIG SPENDERS

SAMPDORIA are not rated one of the giants of Italian football but when it comes to spending big money, they're up with the best of them.

Since Paolo Mantovani took over as president of Genoa club, Sampdoria has spent \$8,000,000 to lure star players to the club... and the money has been spent in only two years.

When Sampdoria drew

1-1 with A/C Milan recently, there were good, and bad, reports about English imports Liam Brady and Luther Blissett.

Brady, now established as the most popular midfielder in Italy, often outrating

Michel Platini, turned in yet another tremendous game against Milan. But Blissett, the former Watford sharpshooter, had a terribly disappointing time, struggling through the 90 minutes for Milan.

W. GERMANY

M'gladbach v Stuttgart	2-0
Mannheim v Bay Munich	0-0
Brunswick v Nuremberg	1-0
Bielefeld v Dortmund	0-0
Leverkusen v Uerdingen	3-1
Bochum v Cologne	2-3
D'dorf v K'lautern	1-5
W Bremen v E Frankfurt	2-3
Offenbach v Hamburg	0-4

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	14	4	5	52	26	32
Bay Munich	13	5	4	45	21	31
M'gladbach	13	5	5	52	33	31
Stuttgart	12	6	4	46	22	30
Werder Bremen	12	5	6	50	26	29

ITALY

Catania v Avellino	1-1
F'tina v Verona	2-0
Inter v Pisa	3-0
Lazio v AC Milan	0-0
Napoli v Roma	1-2
S'doria v Juventus	1-1
Torino v Genoa	2-1
Udinese v Ascoli	0-0

GREECE

O'p'akos v Ap Athens	1-0
P'raikos v Larisa	1-0
P'naikos v Yannina	3-1
Iraklis v Paok	0-1
Doxa v Ethnikos	0-0
P'nios v Aris	0-1
AEK v Ofi	2-0
Ap K'marias v Egalo	3-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
P'naikos	17	6	1	41	11	40
Iraklis	14	7	3	39	14	35
Aris	15	5	4	35	17	35
O'p'akos	14	4	6	37	18	32
Paok	9	10	5	27	24	28

SWITZERLAND

Aarau v Xamax	0-0
Basle v Sion	1-1
Chiasso v Lucerne	0-2

Lausanne v B'zona	1-0
Servette v G'hopper	0-0
Vevay v Young Boys	0-3
Zurich v S Gallen	0-0

POLAND

R Chorzow v Gornik Zab	1-2
Gks K'wice v Gornik W'zych	1-1
W Krakow v L Poznan	0-0
Sz Bytom v Z S'wiec	1-0
P Szczecin v C Krakow	3-0
Sl Wroclaw v M Lublin	2-0
Wid Lodz v Ba Gdynia	2-1
Leg Warsaw v Lks Lodz	4-2

YUGOSLAVIA

Red Star v Di V'kovci	7-1
Rijeka v Partizan	3-0
Di Zagreb v Pristina	3-1
O L'jana v Bud Tito	3-1
V'dina NS v Z'nicar S'jevo	3-1
Sarajevo v Sloboda	2-0
Osijek v Rad Nis	3-0
Var Skop v Vel Mostar	4-2
C Zenica v Hajduk	0-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hajduk	8	11	2	25	7	27
Red Star	10	5	5	33	16	25
Z'nicar	7	10	4	28	23	24
Rijeka	10	4	7	28	25	24
Sarajevo	8	6	7	33	21	22
Osijek	8	6	7	20	18	22
Partizan	7	8	6	19	19	22

HOLLAND

Den Bosch v Ex R'dam	2-0
Sp R'dam v Roda JC	2-2
D's79 v PSV	1-5
Utrecht v AZ'67	1-7
Pec Zwol v Ajax	1-1
Volendam v Groningen	2-1
Hel Sport v Haarlem	0-0
Fo Sittard v Feyenoord	0-4

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	18	4	2	69	24	40
PSV	17	4	3	62	23	38
Ajax	16	5	3	71	30	37
Roda JC	11	8	5	42	34	30
GA Eagles	11	5	7	38	35	27

SPAIN

Espanol v Cadiz	1-1
Sociedad v Zaragoza	2-1
Valencia v S'manca	1-0
Malaga v B'lona	0-1
Betis v At Madrid	1-0
R Madrid v Sevilla	2-2
V'dolid v Osasna	0-1
Sporting v Mallorca	0-3
Murcia v Bilbao	0-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bilbao	15	8	4	44	24	38
Re Madrid	17	4	6	46	29	38
Barcelona	14	7	6	47	24	35
At Madrid	14	6	7	39	34	34
Sociedad	11	8	8	35	29	30
Betis	13	4	10	37	36	30

EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION

Quarter-final 1st leg
CHAMPIONS' CUP: Liverpool (Eng) 1 Benfica (Port) 0, A S Roma (It) 3 Dynamo Berlin (E Ger) 0, Dynamo Minsk (USSR) 1 Dynamo Bucharest (Rom) 1, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2 Dundee United (Scot) 1.
CUP WINNERS' CUP: Barcelona (Spa) 2 Manchester United (Eng) 0, Haka Valkeakoska (Fin) 0 Juventus (It) 1 (played at Strasbourg - conditions in Finland unsuitable), Ujpest Dossa (Hung) 2 Aberdeen (Scot, holders) 0, Porto (Port) 3 Shakhtar Donetsk 2 (USSR).
UEFA CUP: Tottenham (Eng) 2 Austria Vienna (Austria) 0, Nottingham Forest (Eng) 1 Sturm Graz (Austria) 0, Sparta Prague (Czech) 1 Hajduk Split (Yugo) 0, Anderlecht (Belg, holders) 4 Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2.

HERNAN BANNED

ATACAMA a Chilean first division team, will have to carry on without their team manager for some time.

Hernan Godoy, the manager, has been suspended for the next 32 matches.

What was Godoy's crime? He ran out of the dug-out during a game against Colo Colo and threw punches at the referee.

GREAT CZECH BACK

JOSEF MASOPUST, one of the great players from Czechoslovakia's past, is the new coach of the international team.

Masopust is the only Czech to have been named Europe's Player of the Year.

He replaces Frantisek Havranek as Czechoslovakia's top coach.

FISCHER FACING A CHALLENGE

KLAUS FISCHER, Cologne's much-honoured international forward, could lose his club place to a "foreigner."

Fischer is being challenged by the 19-year-old son of a British Rhine Army officer.

The challenge comes from Vincent Mennie, born

in Germany of Scottish parents.

Vincent was playing as an amateur with Borussia Lipstadt when Cologne snapped him up and gave him a

few games last season as a substitute.

Young Vincent is now a first-team player and ready to grab the No. 9 jersey off Fischer.



HODDLE GETS THE BLAME

ONCE again Glenn Hoddle appears to be odd man out in the England team.

After France beat the Englishmen 2-0 in Paris, England boss Bobby Robson said: "The two young lads up-front didn't get enough help. We did not get a third man in as we had intended. That was Glenn Hoddle's job."

"He must become a more prolific scorer if he is to succeed at this level."

No doubt the Hoddle fan club will be unhappy about that comment because it is obvious that one of the very few world-class players in the England side is... Glenn Hoddle.

PRESSURE MOUNTS FOR JOCK STEIN

SCOTS used to say their national team boss Jock Stein could walk on water, but they're not talking that way now.

Stein has not achieved outstanding results in Scotland's last few internationals even though most experts believe the Scots now have a crop of outstanding players.

Scotland played very poorly when they lost 2-0 to Northern Ireland and Stein took

the defeat badly.

Stein was also on the outer with fans after his team failed 2-1 against East Germany and finished in bottom place in its section in the European Championship.

JOHNSTON CRACKS IT WITH SCOTLAND

MAURICE JOHNSTON of Watford is being hailed as the big discovery of the season.

His goalscoring prowess has amazed and delighted the Watford fans since he left Scotland and now the

Scot has burst on to the international scene.

He was a late replacement in Scotland's squad against

Wales and was brought on as a second half substitute.

Johnston immediately obliged by scoring the winning goal in Scotland's 2-1 victory.

After it was all over, the 20-year-old who is grabbing so many UK headlines commented: "I don't think I am ready yet for senior international football."

MILK MONEY

ENGLAND's Milk Cup, which used to be the Football League Cup before the Milk Board decided to sponsor it, never used to be much of a money-spinning competition, but times have changed.

MAURICE EVANS, sacked by Reading after 24 years at Elm Park as player, coach and manager, may take the club to court over the compensation he has been allowed.

"Their offer is a joke," said Evans, but he was not laughing.

SCOTLAND have agreed to play France in an international in Marseilles on June 1.

The Frenchmen wanted the fixture as a warm-up for the European Championship and Scotland have promised they'll go flat out for a win.

MARINER'S MEMORIES

NICE touch from England centre-forward Paul Mariner after he was transferred from Ipswich Town to Arsenal for \$225,000.

Mariner stated: "Everything I have achieved in football has been due to Ipswich. I owe them everything."

But he still seemed happy enough to get away from East Anglia to accept the goodies offered by Arsenal.



FRANK IS BACK AS BOSS

FRANK McLINTOCK, captain of Arsenal in happier days, is back in football as manager of Brentford.

He pipped Tommy Docherty for the position.

McLintock may not remember it but Brentford were at one time giants of the English First Division. Right now, they're struggling to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division.

So McLintock is tackling a huge assignment — especially in the eyes of Brentford fans with long memories.



BRIAN TALBOT of Arsenal has been appointed chairman of the Professional Footballers Association.

Bob Latchford was previous chairman but, when he was transferred from Swansea City to Dutch club NAC Breda, had to vacate the chair.

PRESTON NORTH END, once known as "Proud Preston", have been saved from extinction by their local council, owners of the Deepdale ground. The council will buy the stands, boardroom, gym and offices and lease them back to the club for a nominal figure.

CLOUGH NOT UPSET

ANOTHER little story on QPR's controversial Omniturf pitch comes from Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough.

Before Forest played on the ground, Clough was asked if he feared his winning team might flop on the artificial pitch.

Said Clough: "In past weeks, we've played on grass, mud, snow and sand — so why worry about plastic?"



JIMMY ON THE MOVE

JIMMY RIMMER has been transfer-listed by Swansea City at a fee of \$47,000.

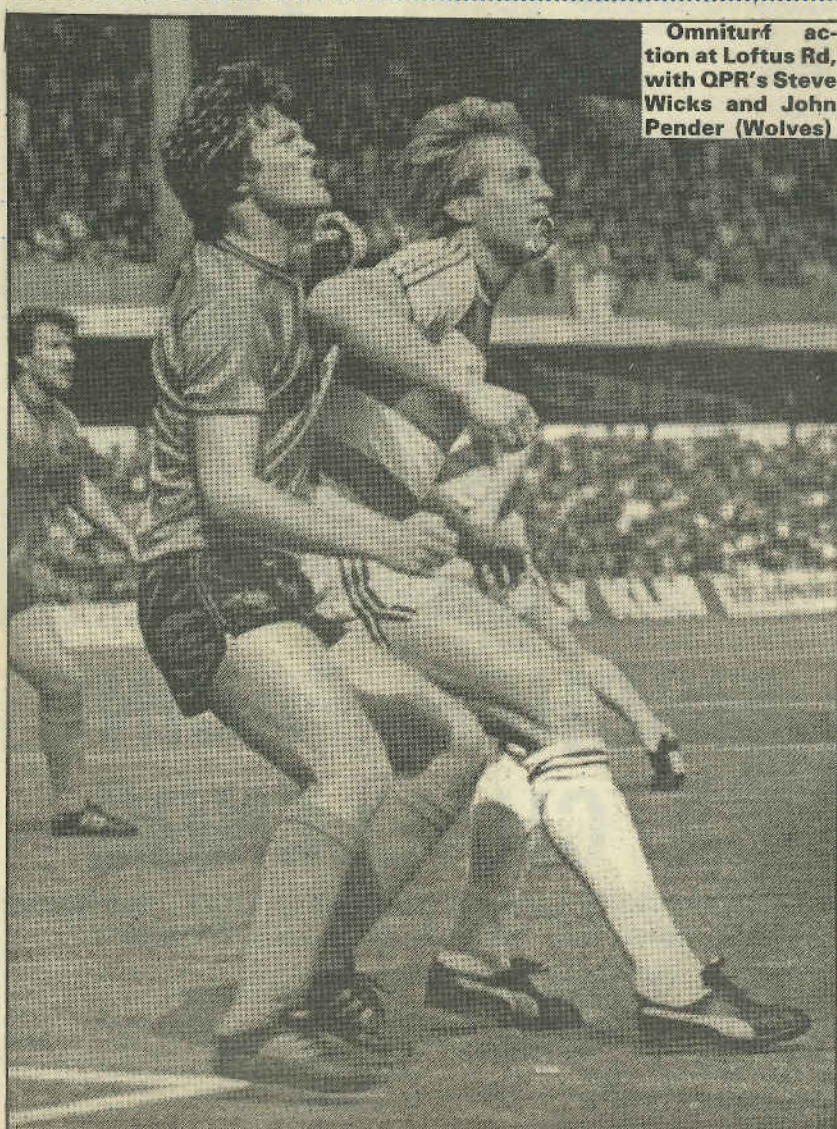
Rimmer, former Manchester United and England goalkeeper, has been only seven months at Swansea following his \$60,000 switch from Aston Villa.

One reason for his transfer could be Swansea's desperate need for cash.

The Welsh team is \$1,500,000 in debt.



Omniturf action at Loftus Rd, with QPR's Steve Wicks and John Pender (Wolves)



UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Liverpool	31	18	9	4	51	22	63			
Manchester Utd	31	17	10	4	59	31	61			
West Ham	31	16	6	9	50	32	54			
Notts Forest	30	16	5	9	54	34	53			
Southampton	29	15	7	7	37	25	52			
QPR	31	15	5	11	47	28	50			
Tottenham	31	12	8	11	48	48	44			
Arsenal	31	12	6	13	50	43	42			
Norwich	30	11	9	10	35	34	42			
Watford	30	12	5	13	57	58	41			
Luton	29	12	5	12	42	43	41			
Aston Villa	30	11	8	11	43	46	41			
Coventry	30	10	9	11	39	40	39			
Birmingham	30	11	6	13	31	34	39			
Everton	28	9	10	9	26	32	37			
Sunderland	30	9	10	11	31	41	37			
Leicester	30	9	8	13	48	52	35			
West Bromwich	30	9	6	15	33	49	33			
Ipswich	30	9	5	16	37	47	32			
Stoke	31	8	8	15	28	50	32			
Wolverhampton	30	5	8	17	24	59	23			
Notts County	29	5	7	17	37	59	22			

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Chelsea	32	17	11	4	64	37	57			
Sheff Wed	30	18	8	4	57	31	54			
Newcastle	30	17	5	8	59	42	52			
Manchester City	31	16	8	7	49	32	51			
Carlisle	31	15	11	5	36	19	56			
Grimsby	31	15	11	5	48	35	56			
Blackburn	30	13	12	5	40	33	51			
Charlton	30	13	8	9	41	41	47			
Leeds	30	12	7	11	40	39	43			
Brighton	31	11	8	12	48	44	41			
Huddersfield	30	10	10	10	38	38	40			
Shrewsbury	30	10	9	11	32	39	39			
Portsmouth	31	11	5	15	52	46	38			
Cardiff	30	12	2	16	38	46	38			
Middlesbrough	30	9	9	12	31	32	36			
Oldham	31	10	6	15	33	52	36			
Fulham	31	8	11	12	41	41	35			
Barnsley	30	9	6	15	40	42	33			
Crystal Palace	30	8	8	14	31	39	32			
Derby	30	7	7	16	27	53	28			
Swansea	32	5	6	21	26	61	21			
Cambridge	31	2	8	21	21	59	14			

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oxford	32	20	6	6	66	40	66			
Wimbledon	34	18	7	9	77	61	61			
Walsall	34	18	7	9	55	45	61			
Sheffield United	34	17	9	8	66	42	60			
Bristol Rovers	34	17	8	9	52	38	59			
Hull	31	15	11	5	47	26	56			
Orient	34	15	7	12	50	53	52			
Bolton	33	14	9	10	44	36	51			
Burnley	32	13	11	8	63	37	50			
Lincoln	35	14	7	14	48	49	49			
Bradford	31	13	9	9	56	46	48			
Gillingham	30	14	6	10	52	48	48			
Millwall	34	12	12	10	51	52	48			
Newport	32	12	11	9	45	54	47			
Preston	33	11	8	14	50	46	41			
Wigan	31	10	9	12	33	41	39			
Plymouth	30	9	8	13	39	39	35			
Bournemouth	32	9	5	18	41	58	32			
Brentford	33	6	12	15	47	62	30			
Southend	32	6	10	16	37	55	28			
Port Vale	33	7	6	20	34	63	27			
Rotherham	30	7	5	18	29	45	26			
Southampton	31	4	14	13	35	57	26			
Exeter	33	5	9	19	40	64	24			

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
York	32	20	6	6	66	31	66			
Doncaster	34	18	11	5	61	42	65			
Reading	35	15	11	8	65	46	59			
Aldershot	34	17	7	10	58	51	58			
Bristol City	34	17	6	11	51	34	57			
Colchester	32	14	12	6	52	28	54			
Blackpool	31	16	5	10	46	30	53			
Peterboro	34	13	10	11	50	35	49			
Tranmere	34	12	13	9	42	37	49			
Crewe	33	14	7	12	46	51	49			
Stockport	34	13	8	13	48	49	47			
Torquay	33	12	11	10	42	46	47			
Swindon	34	11	12	11	45	40	45			
Bury	34	11	11	12	48	44	44			
Northampton	34	11	12	12	39	45	44			
Chesterfield	34	10	13	11	38	43	43			
Hereford	34	9	12	13	33	40	39			
Darlington	32	11	5	16	29	36	38			
Wrexham	33	8	12	13	40	48	36			
Halifax	34	8	11	15	36	60	35			
Rochdale	33	7	11	15	42	58	32			
Mansfield	33	7	9	17	42	60	30			
Hartlepool	33	7	6	20	32	65	27			
Chester	34	4	10	20	32	65	22			

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Aberdeen	24	19	3	2	61	12	41			
Celtic	25	15	5	5	58	29	35			
Dundee United	23	14	5	4	46	22	33			
Rangers	26	12	5	8	42	32	30			
Hearts	25	8	8	9	29	39	24			
St Mirren	25	6	11	8	35	37	23			
Hibernian	27	9	4	14	33	42	22			
Dundee	24	7	2	15	31	50	16			
St Johnstone	27	7	1	19	25	67	15			
Motherwell	26	3	7	16	21	51	13			

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumbarton	30	15	9	6	50	35	39
Morton	29	14	19	5	57	37	38
Partick	29	17	4	8	53	37	38
Brechin	29	13	10	6	45	35	36
Clydebank	29	13	8	8	48	38	34
Kilmarnock	30	13	5	12	45	39	31
Falkirk	30	12	5	13	38	46	29
Clyde	30	10	10	11	39	35	28
Ayr	29	8	10	11	44	48	26
Meadowbank	30	10	6	14	37	52	26
Airdrieonians	29	9	7	14	30	43	25
Hamilton	30	6	12	11	30	36	24
Alloa	30	6	8	16	33	50	20
Raith	30	5	10	15	34	52	20